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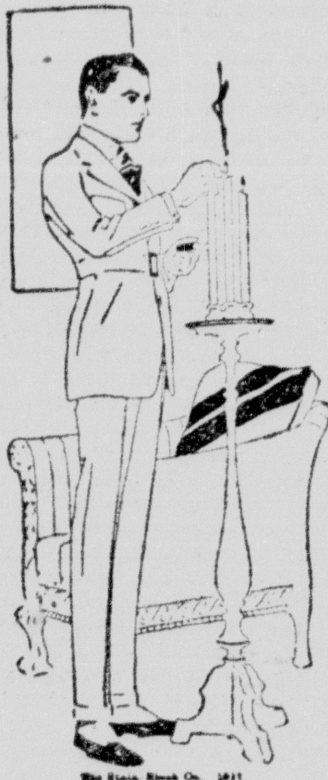
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\$10.50 FIELD MOUSE GREY	Now \$7.00
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10 50 IVORY KID	" 7.00
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8.50 BATTLESHIP GREY	" 5.25
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6.00 " " " " " "	" 4.25

AUG. C. RICHTER
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EVERY ITEM THAT GOES INTO MAKING
OF CLOTHES HAS GONE UP IN PRICE--
WOOLENS, TRIMMINGS AND THE WAGES
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same for inferior clothes
OR
you must choose your
clothes-maker
Intelligently.

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WE HAVE CHOSEN
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MICHAELS-STEIN & CO.**

BECAUSE THESE ARE THE FIRMS
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AND HERE'S THE RESULT.

We can sell you the same high grade of Kuppenheimer,
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same moderate prices as last season.

DON'T YOU THINK WE ARE ENTITLED
TO YOUR TRADE THIS FALL?

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THE STORE OF SUPER-SERVICE

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Ice, Distilled Water
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RAILROADS DEFINITELY REFUSED WAGE INCREASE DEMANDED BY ORGANIZATIONS

Feeling that the Public and the Stockholders Eventually will
Demand Government Ownership, They Turned Over
All Responsibility to the Government—Workers
Won't Press Demands.

DESTROYERS CATCH GERMAN SUBMARINES

AMERICAN SEAMAN SAW FOUR
U-BOATS BROUGHT INTO
FRENCH PORT BY
AMERICANS.

By Associated Press.

Boston, Dec. 29.—An American seaman who was formerly a newspaperman here reported today that recently in a French port he saw twelve American destroyers steam in with four captured German submarines.

American Destroyers Effective.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The destroyers Fanning and Nicholas were the vessels which destroyed a German submarine November 24 and captured the crew. The details were announced for the first time today. The submarine was sunk as it attempted an attack on a merchant flotilla.

British Destroyers Sunk.

London, Dec. 29.—Three British torpedo boat destroyers were sunk near the Dutch coast the night of December 22 with the loss of 13 officers and 180 men. They were either struck by torpedoes or hit by mines.

Americans Were Released.

Washington, Dec. 29.—R. R. Stevens, manager of the branch National City Bank in Petrograd, and his assistant, Mr. Link, arrested when the Bolsheviks seized the bank, have been released. Ambassador Francis reported today.

Rumors of Abdication.

Petrograd, Dec. 29.—Rumors are persistent that King Ferdinand of Rumania has abdicated in favor of Crown Prince Charles.

A Petrograd despatch Monday reported disturbed conditions in Rumania. King Ferdinand is the son of Prince Leopold of Hohenzollern, and two of his brothers are generals in the German army. He has reigned since October of 1914. The crown prince is 24 years old and an officer in the army. Two-thirds of Rumania is now overrun by the Central powers.

Russia is Indifferent.

London, Dec. 29.—Discussing the reception of the German peace reply, the Morning Post's Petrograd correspondent says that northern Russia is indifferent because of food shortage and will accept any peace the Germans impose. The Daily News correspondent says that if the Bolsheviks convene a constituent assembly now they will have Russia almost solidly behind them. The Times correspondent thinks the Bolsheviks are disheartened over the German refusal to allow nationalists hitherto without independence to decide their own future, and says this may be a stumbling block to future negotiations.

Condemn Peace Terms.

Amsterdam, Dec. 29.—Pan-American papers angrily condemn the peace terms of the Central powers. The Deutsche Zeitung says the Entente has won the greatest victory of the war.

Wrecked in North Sea.

London, Dec. 29.—A Copenhagen despatch says that a Zeppelin and a seaplane have been wrecked in the North Sea.

Broke Down Attacks.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—German fire broke down Italian attacks east of Monte Tomba yesterday.

Quiet on Western Front.

London, Dec. 29.—Only quiet is reported on the western front.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The railroads today definitely refused the 40 per cent wage increase demands of the organized employees. Feeling that the public and the stockholders eventually will demand government ownership, they turn over all responsibility to the government. For the present the workers will not press their demands.

To Review Courts Martial.

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Wilson today ordered that the findings of all courts martial, except those abroad, must be reviewed in Washington before any soldiers are executed. This is to insure no injustice.

Cost Government Dearly.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Failure of the government to accept Boston wool dealers' offer of their wool at prevailing prices April 3 cost \$150,000,000, Senator Weeks today said he had been told at the senate military committee's investigation.

Coke Prices Fixed.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Federal Fuel Administrator Garfield today ordered coke prices fixed last September to continue through 1918.

Tampered With Torpedoes.

New York, Dec. 29.—Paul Hennig, a naturalized German foreman in a Brooklyn factory making torpedoes for the United States government was remanded to jail without bail in the federal court here today, charged with treason. It is alleged that he maliciously mutilated the gyroscopes which control the torpedoes' course, rendering the torpedoes useless and dangerous to their users.

To Appear January 2.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Food Administrator Hoover telegraphed from New York today that he would appear January 2 before the sugar investigation committee.

BALLOON PUNCTURED
BY THE RIVER PATROL.

Big Military Balloon Was
Punctured by Mexican Soldiers Before Landing.

According to a statement made by Captain McCulloch, in command of the military balloon which landed in Mexico yesterday, and who with his men left for San Antonio on the noon train, the balloon was fired on several times by the Mexican river patrol, and three punctures made in the big gas bag caused it to descend. Another balloon, which landed on the American side of the Rio Grande near Bigford yesterday, will be brought to Laredo this afternoon. This is a different balloon from the one which landed on Mexican soil.

SOFT PEDAL ON NEW YEAR
WELCOME.

New York, Dec. 29.—Hotel and restaurant men expected that the forthcoming New Year's celebration will be one of the tamest the metropolis has seen in many years. Not only has the soft pedal been put on the customary festivities by official pronouncement, but public sentiment has manifested a disposition to frown on the custom of welcoming the New Year with wine and song in these days of war.

In recent years it has become an established custom to issue several hundred all-night licenses to the big hotels and restaurants and other places catering to the New Year's Eve crowd. This year Mayor Mitchell decided that no such licenses should be issued. This means that the cabarets, restaurants and other places of amusement will have to stop selling intoxicants at 1 o'clock on the morning of January 1, if the edict is obeyed.

MEXICAN RAIDERS AND RANGERS FIGHT

CATTLE THIEVES CROSSED BORDER NEAR EAGLE PASS AND SOLDIERS ORDERED OUT.

By Associated Press.

Eagle Pass, Texas, Dec. 29.—The Third Infantry regiment is being held in readiness to proceed to Indian ranch, 20 miles below here, where the Fourteenth Cavalry and a machine gun company were sent last night following cattle raids by Mexicans. Texas Rangers had a fight with the cattle thieves.

O'DELL IS APPOINTED.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 29.—D. W. Odell of Fort Worth today was appointed chairman of the state industrial accident board.

CURETON IS CANDIDATE.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 29.—First Assistant Attorney General Cureton today announced his candidacy for attorney general.

CHICAGO BANS SUNDAY
FUNERALS.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 29.—The beginning of the new year will witness the exit of the ostentatious funeral parade and Sunday burial, by edict of the Chicago livemen and undertakers. It's wartime economy, they explain, to save employees' time, energy and gasoline. Those who insist upon having a Sunday funeral for relatives or friends will be obliged to pay high for the privilege. The livemen believe that an additional "tax" of several dollars on carriages will serve to make the Sunday funeral parade decidedly unpopular.

JESS WILLARD AT 30th
MILESTONE.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 29.—Jess Willard, holder of the world's heavyweight boxing championship, passes his 30th milestone today, having been born on this date, in the year 1887, in Possawatomie county, Kansas. Since his last birthday the champion has become a magnate of the "white tents," having bought the controlling interest in the circus and wild west show with which he had previously toured the country as a paid attraction. The circus has now gone into winter quarters at Jacksonville, Fla., where Willard and his wild west steeds are engaged in a hauling contract for Uncle Sam. Recent letters from the champion have expressed his readiness to engage in a boxing contest with any battler whom the critics decide is most worthy to face him in the ring, the proceeds of the fight to be donated to the American Red Cross. But notwithstanding this patriotic manifesto on the part of the champion, the opinion appears to be prevalent in sporting circles that Willard is likely to remain in the Southland so long as his hauling contract continues to be profitable.

SPORT CHATTER.

Eddie Kane, manager of the Gibbons boys, is hitting only the high spots in his quest for a muss between Tom Gibbons and Miss O'Dowd or Harry Greb. Rabbit Maraville, crack shortstop of the Braves, who is now in Uncle Sam's service, has been placed in charge of the Boston navy yard basketball team.

BE THRIFTY

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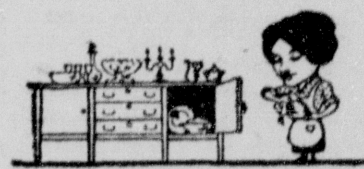
WE DO NOT JUGGLE PRICES "UP" FOR ONE CUSTOMER AND "DOWN" FOR ANOTHER, NO SIR-REE. WE MARK OUR GOODS AT A LOW PRICE WHEN WE FIRST PUT THEM IN STOCK AND WE SELL TO EVERYONE AT THE SAME LOW PRICE. LET US SELL YOU ALL THE HARDWARE YOU USE.

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The Reliable Playhouse, The Unique that affords to its patrons security and comfort
BEST MUSIC, BEST FILM SERVICE
—TODAY—

Madge Evans in "THE ADVENTURES OF CAROL." Outdoor scenes of great beauty feature this delightful story.
Also "HIS SMASHING CAREER," Fox Sunshine comedy with pretty girls and funny comedians.
Admission: 10c and 20c.
Tomorrow: "FUEL OF LIFE," with Belle Bennett and Texas Guinan, and "FALSE TO THE FINISH," Keystone comedy.
Monday and Tuesday: "ALADDIN AND THE WONDERFUL LAMP."

From Friday's Daily.

AUSTRIAN PEACE TWADDLE.

With a solemnity that can only be equalled in a conference of deaf mutes over the death of one of their number, the Austro-Hungarian premier told the Russian delegates in Petrograd the other day that the Central powers—meaning Kaiser Wilhelm, of course—solemnly declare their resolve "to immediately" sign terms which will terminate the war on conditions equally just to all the belligerents.

The farcical nature of the conference may be more readily understood if one remembers that the Austrian court is the most aristocratic in the world, and that the Russian delegates consisted of a lot of men so base in their origin that they would have been slashed across the face had they presumed to enter the presence of the Austrian premier but a year or so ago.

Germany has seen the futility of dealing with the Bolsheviks, and has practically announced the terms upon which the moujiks may have peace. It is interesting to note, however, that the Austrian premier is permitted by his august lord and master, the German kaiser, to treat with these off-scourings of the Muscovite alleys and the slums of all Europe.

The Austrian minister said that the Central powers "do not intend to forcibly annex seld territory nor deprive the nations of their political independence lost in the war. The first refers to the territory in France and Belgium which William realizes that he cannot much longer hold, and the second to Poland and Belgium, which he is now considering as conquered nations.

Germany is also worrying over the attitude of Alsace-Lorraine when the peace terms are offered and accepted. She is well aware that France will never relinquish her claim to the two lost provinces, and that the residents of those countries, even after a half century of usurpation by the German empire, are even more French than they were in 1870.

The Bolsheviks have no worries about conquered territory, except the small portion of Russian Poland which the majority of the Russians would like to see surrendered to its rightful owners. They have lost no territory by invasion or conquest, and the shameful surrender of what they had gained gives them no right to claim territory by conquest.

The solemn farce of offering to a lot of ignorant peasants the peace terms which will have to be considered by the wisest men of Europe, and at formal conferences, at that, is provocative of homeric laughter. Even the ignorant Bolsheviks are not too ignorant to understand that it is a farce, and for that reason they do not come to any definite understanding.

Lenine, Trotsky and the other paid agents of the German kaiser are taking pains to prove an alibi when the inevitable explosion occurs over the betrayal of their country. They do not attend any of the "peace" conferences, and whatever dealings they may have with the German officials are conducted under cover of night and with the utmost secrecy.

Sooner or later the people of Russia are going to awake to the fact that they have been most basely betrayed, and that in overthrowing the czar to admit the Bolsheviks they have but exchanged a mild-mannered tyrant for one that is vicious to the extreme.

The farce now being conducted in Petrograd is deceiving no one, unless it may be some of the Teutonic emissaries who confidently count upon the ignorance of the people with whom they are dealing. And while the Russians may be illiterate, ignorant in our sense of the word, they have an astuteness which enables them to put on a look of loutish naivete—and let the other fellow commit himself.

And even the dense ignorance of the Russian moujik is not sufficient to blind him to the fact that no other of the enemies of the Central powers is making any attempt to secure a statement of peace terms, or is even mildly interested in what Germany dangles before them. And this will have the effect of making Ivan Ivanovich think a bit before committing himself, especially when he gets over his delirium of freedom.

OUR FOOD CONTROL.

So far we have hardly begun the work of food control, and the producers and wholesalers are the only ones who seem affected by the new regulations. But little by little the net is tightening about the profiteers, and it will not be long until we shall have a fair price for what we really must have to eat or to wear.

We need not go to the extreme that Germany has, it being stated that in that country there are now 892 separate imperial laws, orders and proclamations dealing solely with the food supply and its control. There are so many prosecutions for infractions of these laws that the fines have actually become a part of the overhead cost of doing business in Germany.

So far we have not been hampered by food laws. We have been asked to observe meatless and wheatless days, it is true, and soon we shall begin the observance of a porkless Saturday, a day on which other meat may be served but no pork products.

But there are no laws or even regulations, of either federal or state governments, which prevent us eating

what we want, providing we are mean enough to do it. No police officer has the right to inspect our market basket, as is being done in Germany, and the meat dealer or the baker may sell us anything they have, so long as our indifference to the welfare of the nation permits us to eat it.

It is fortunate for the world that we have a surplus of most foodstuffs. We are not only able to supply our own, even to our soldiers who have crossed the seas, but we can spare a little for our neighbors.

But would it not be better for us to adopt some real method of saving that would be effective and would be obligatory upon all, thus inflicting no hardship upon the truly loyal?

We may not come to the bread ticket or the daily ration allowance for some time, but eventually there will be need for something of the kind, unless the war ends sooner than is now expected.

The husbanding of our resources will never be done by voluntary self-abnegation. There are too many who have no idea of self-sacrifice, who are bent upon "getting theirs," who are indifferent to the sorrows and the sufferings of others.

If we are to let Europe have any appreciable quantity of our wheat, we must make it obligatory upon our own people to use less and be satisfied with what the soldier gets—a pound a day.

If the allied troops are to get any appreciable quantity of our meat, it will only be through our own savings, and it may become necessary for our government to commandeer all stocks and issue meat tickets to all citizens.

We have never been governed after the Prussian fashion. There are few "Verboten" signs in our country, and save for an occasional placard of "Keep Off the Grass," we are as free to do as we please as were our forefathers who first traded with the Indians.

There seems to be little fear of our going short of any food supply. But it is not enough for us alone to have sufficient. We should remember that our allies, who had been fighting our battles three years before we entered the war, are short of many things they need and which we have.

Popular sentiment is going to have a wonderful effect upon food conservation, as it always has on other things. The people who give elaborate parties, who waste the country's resources in other ways, and who seem indifferent as to the outcome of the present war, will soon realize that they are being ostracized. Already some of them are openly recognized as "slackers," and if they add the wasting of foodstuffs to their other sins of omission or commission, they will soon find themselves unpopular, to say the least.

When the high salaries of the executives are reduced and the wages of the railroad workers increased, will there be any less complaint? Or will some of them demand that all above a certain percentage of profit be given to the workmen?

Will the arrest of the German socialists tend to gratify those of other countries who have been listening to the siren song of the socialist emissaries of Wilhelm? Or will they see in it another death blow to freedom?

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take which is important when must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

AN ILLUSTRATED LECTURE BY THE MEXICAN KING

Zeferino Dominguez Will Give Another of His Interesting Illustrated Lectures at Strand Sunday.

Zeferino Dominguez, the "corn king" of Mexico, who has had his car with a fine corn display in this city for the past week or more, will deliver an illustrated lecture at the Strand Theater on Sunday morning beginning at 10 o'clock, during which time he will give interesting stereoscopic views in connection with his scientific methods applied to corn culture and explain in detail the process of planting, cultivation and harvesting.

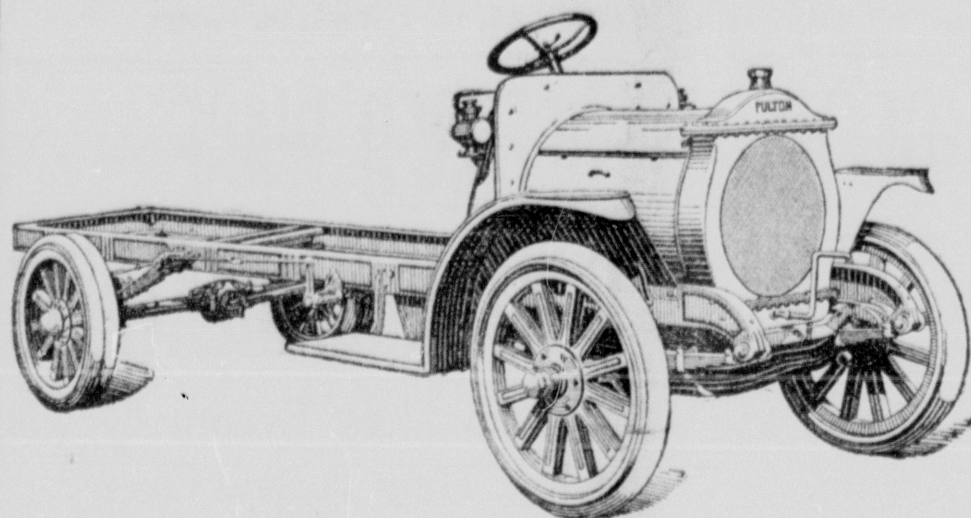
Mr. Dominguez at the time of the lecture will distribute literature in connection with the growing of corn, wheat, cotton and other crops, the lecturer desiring to interest all in the proposition of intensive planting to assist Mr. Hoover in his food conservation propaganda. Mr. Dominguez will also have interesting pamphlets dealing with his agricultural methods on sale at the Sonora News Co., where they can be purchased at nominal prices.

Notice to Tax-payers. My office in the City Hall is now open for the collection of City taxes for the year 1917. Hours:—9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m. D. C. de LACHICA, City Tax Collector. 124-1m.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 60c. per month.

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HARDLY HAD A WELL

DAY IN SEVEN YEARS

PERSUADED BY WIFE TO TAKE
TANLAC HE GAINS 17 POUNDS
AND TROUBLES ARE
GONE.

"My wife was determined that I should try Tanlac, so one day while I was away from home she bought a bottle and simply made me begin taking it and the results are, I have actually gained seventeen pounds and feel better than I have in seven years. This is what C. C. Moore of 155 Estella Street, El Paso, Texas, says after using a few bottles of the 'Master Medicine'.

"I had suffered from indigestion and stomach trouble until my health was so shattered I couldn't enjoy living at all. In fact I hardly knew what it was to have a well day in seven years until Tanlac straightened me out. I had gotten to where I couldn't eat anything or even drink water without suffering from it. I lived for months on nothing but milk and other liquids and these also caused me all sorts of trouble.

"I often got so weak and dizzy I would fall on the streets unconscious and when I came to myself I would be at home in bed. I was very nervous all the time, could scarcely sleep and had awful headaches. No one knows how I did suffer and although I spent lots of money and tried everything I knew of, nothing seemed to reach my case or do me any good.

"I kept falling off in weight and the day I started on Tanlac I weighed only one hundred and nineteen pounds. I commenced to feel better in a few days after I began taking Tanlac and have gradually picked up ever since. I now weigh one hundred and thirty-six pounds—have gained seventeen pounds in weight—and what I have gained in health and strength is more than I can tell. I can now eat what I want, as much of it as I please with no bad feelings afterwards. My headaches are broken up, I sleep like a log and simply feel like a different man."

Tanlac is sold in Laredo by Windrow Drug Co. (Adv.)

NOTABLE BIRTHDAY TODAY.

DECEMBER 28.

Robert McNutt McElroy, head of the department of politics and history on the faculty of Princeton University, a post which Woodrow Wilson formerly held, was born at Perryville, Ky., 45 years ago today. In addition to his steady rise to the place he now holds at Princeton, where, after graduation in 1896, he joined the faculty as instructor in history, Professor McElroy has traveled and studied in Europe and in Asia and thus broadened his view of the world. In China, for a year, he went from center of population to center lecturing before picked audiences on theories and methods of popular government which the western nations had tried and tested, his object being to aid young republican China in getting a body of public opinion favorable to the new political regime. Volunteering for one of the first Plattsburg camps he

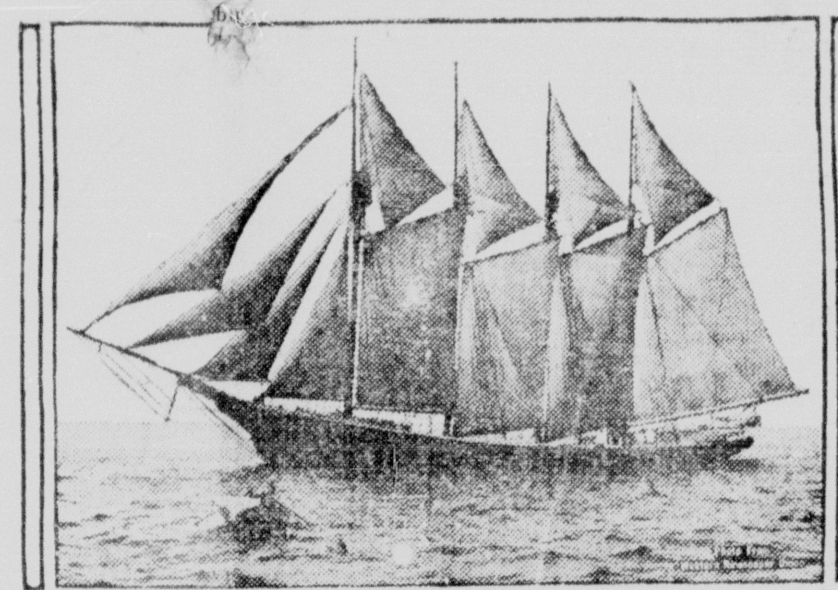
came to have an interest in the war and its right outcome much more intense than most academic personages have. Now he is on a year's leave of absence from Princeton in order that he may devote himself to organizing the work of education of the electorate in patriotism, under the auspices of the National Security League.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 60c. per month.

MAKING STEAMSHIPS OF SAILING VESSELS



Chairman Herley of the shipping board heartily approves the suggestion of Thomas A. Edison that as many as possible of America's 5,382 sailing vessels be converted into steamships. The photograph is of a four-master that has been equipped with power.

BRITISH TROOPS BEING RUSHED TO THE FRONT IN FRANCE



Long line of army lorries loaded with British soldiers hurrying to the front to take part in the continuous advance against the Germans being made by General Haig's armies. They are seen passing through a captured French village, and the field artillery is moving up with the trucks to take its invaluable part in the operations.

LITTLE LOCALS

—With trouble across the border of the "Big Bend" section and a large force of rebels preparing to pull off a big stunt in the Monclova section, which is not so very far inland from Piedras Negras, there is liable to be a prosperous new year for the news reporters along the border yet. These ubiquitous beings keep the border section in the limelight when it comes to "news."

—Cut flowers and plants for Christmas and the holidays. Edward Green, Florist, Ave. C at 8th St., San Antonio. 12-24-1f.

—While this section may not be visited by any more rain during the year 1917, there is consolation in the fact that there will be rain in 1918 or there won't be anything for rain to benefit. But despite the drouth, the big onion crop is doing fine, all the acreage devoted to that product being under irrigation or susceptible to irrigation.

—If you want more and better milk regularly. Pints 10 cts. and quarts 20 cts. W. Y. Bunn, phone 356. 12-27-6t.

—In a few more days now old Father Time will come along with his traditional scythe and cut down the old year, and a new year will be born, and then, as the saying goes, "we take another lap on the course of life and go on and on passing the mileposts of this transitive existence."

—The little thrift stamps make you a partner with Uncle Sam.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-1f.

—Died:—Delfino Santos Mendola, aged 38 years died at seven o'clock last night at his home No. 301 Matamoros street. The funeral will occur from the family residence and San Agustín church at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon.

—Before you buy your toys see R. Flores and Brother. 12-10-1-15.

—The following marriage license was issued yesterday afternoon by the county clerk: Robert Emmett Fecke and Miss Julia Josephine Gerlach. 12-27-6t.

—W. Y. Bunn, phone 356 can furnish you regularly with fresh sweet milk at 10 cts. for pints and 20 cts. for quarts.

—While quite a few of the Laredo soldier boys from Camp Travis have already left on their return, many of those from Camp Bowie will not take their departure until tomorrow night. Several will remain over here until Monday noon.

—Yarns and knitting needles. Miss M. Sallee. 11-23-1m.

—For pure and healthful soda waters, all flavors, phone Frank Barthelox, No. 48. 9-15-1f.

—Thrift stamps for all. Better than money, because they earn money. Buy a war saving stamp today.

—The two state ranger companies under Captains Wright and Ryan are getting things in shape for establishing their headquarters here and getting down to real work. When these rangers are on the lookout for bad characters along the border the "bad ones" make themselves scarce.

—City Garage, tel. 515. Jitney cars. Vulcanizing. Work guaranteed. 8-11-1f.

—Just arrived, carload of toys. R. Flores and Brother. 12-10-1-15.

—The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo this morning: Two carloads of cotton seed cake, six carloads of ixite, four carloads of copper, five carloads of calamine, eighteen carloads of lead. Exports to Mexico at this time are quite heavy, considering the fact that all exportations require a federal license.

—Texas Real Estate & Abstract Co. 1012 Farragut street. Phone 1061. Abstracts of property in Laredo and lands of Webb county. 7-19-1f.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-1f.

—Thrift stamps are 25c each. The purchaser of these stamps will be furnished with a card to which such stamps are to be affixed. Thrift stamps cannot be cashed, but when you get 16 of them, they may be exchanged (with 12c additional) for a \$1 U. S. war saving certificate.

—The Belmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 576 or 1017. 6-20-1f.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-1f.

To the Public.

Beginning Jan. 1, I will sell milk at 10c a pint bottle and 20c a quart bottle. This advance in price has become necessary because of the excessively high cost of feedstuffs, and until the feedstuffs are reduced the above price for milk will be maintained.

GARCIA'S DAIRY.

12-28-3c.

How to Prevent Croup.

In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

PASSING AWAY OF "SCUDER" REMOVES REAL CHARACTER

Was 78 Years Old and Came From Old Indianola, the City That Succumbed to Storm King Long Ago.

When Robert Scott, more intimately known as "Scuder," passed away in Laredo yesterday at noon, an inimitable character was removed from this sphere of life, for his acquaintances always considered "Scuder" as a real comedy in natural black. The writer remembers when "way back yonder" in the yesteryears he was one of the best thought of colored residents of Corpus Christi. Nobody knows the real history of the old negro except what he told himself, "that he was an old Indianola negro." Only the night before his death he stated that he was "hunting a remedy to keep his throat from getting dry, as he had just been 78 years in this world." So it is very probable that he was not joking about his age—even if he was in his usual condition. City Marshal Brennan knew "Scuder" forty years ago in Corpus.

It is said the parents of "Scuder" were slaves of Colonel Moore, of Alabama, grandfather of Mrs. W. W. MacGregor, and that "Scuder" was born in Alabama.

He was a hackdriver in Corpus Christi 45 years ago, but before that time he had been ordained to the ministry in Indianola, but said "collections were too light" and later took to hack-driving, and there never was a more popular negro seated on the box of a hack than "Scuder." He had passengers waiting for him when he was busy, for they wanted to patronize this comical negro or walk.

He remained in Corpus Christi until the pranks of the "young niggers" and some of the "white folks" got to be more than he could stand, especially the joke played on him when one night he was found asleep in his hack and driven into a cemetery, where he awakened about three o'clock in the morning—well, it is not necessary to try to describe Scuder's movements except to say that for moving along an aeroplane would have been passed by him several times. That was too much for him, so he left Corpus about 25 years ago and came to Laredo. He "drove hack" here for a number of years and established his popularity. He visited his old haunts in Corpus only on the occasion of excursions on the Fourth of July. For the past few years he had been night porter at the Hamilton Hotel, but during the past few months he has been taking life easy. He was a fellow who was always ready to crack a joke—he saw nothing but the sunny side of life, and when he passed away yesterday the last thing he did in this life was to chuckle a hearty laugh and fall dead with a smile on his face.

OLD SOUTHERN DARKEY.

To The Times:

It is not generally known that Scuder (or rather Scooter, as I called him) had relatives in Laredo, Texas. But he claimed that he had. My mother, whose maiden name was Ann Morrison, who lived in northern Alabama at Huntsville, owned a darkey whose name was Wash. In 1846, then being a girl of some 19 years of age, she hired Wash to Major Moore of the Iron Works. I have talked with Mrs. Haden, who was a daughter of Major Moore, and she as a little girl remembered my mother and her visits in relation to her hired negroes; the other's name was Green. My mother married W. H. Pace, a son of a Baptist minister of north Alabama. And in about 1850 my father sold Wash to Major Moore. Wash married one of the Major's negro girls, and their first son was Scooter, who was born in 1851. I had got on to these facts by accident, and one day I told Scooter about it all, or that is what I had heard about his father, when he, with much appearance of gratification, exclaimed: "Me and you is kin!" Which I have since acknowledged, and have recently when meeting him inquired to know how my kin folks were getting along, which seemed to please him. There are very few of these old darkeys left and we of the Old South regret to see them passing away. They were friends of ours, and we have even agreed that we were kin. Scooter was a typical old Southern darkey. Peace to his ashes; and to all of his type.

W. R. PACE,
Laredo, Texas, Dec. 28, 1917.

Notice.
The annual meeting of the shareholders of The First State Bank & Trust Company of Laredo, will be held in the banking rooms of said institution, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it.
L. A. LAFON, Secretary.

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LITTLE LOCALS

—Children, don't forget the Red Cross Party and Dance at the Elks Hall on Saturday, December 29. Party begins at 2:30 in the afternoon, admission, 25c. Dance begins at 7:30 at night, also at Elks Hall. Spectators will be charged same prices as others.

—The Christmas festival of Christ Church Sunday School will be held at the church and rectory tonight, beginning with a short service in the church at 7 p. m.

—A "Jitney dance" will be given at the Heights school building tomorrow afternoon from 2:30 to 5 o'clock, the proceeds from which will go toward the fund of the "High School Annual," which is published every year at graduation time under the name of "La Pitahaya." All those who attend are assured a good time—and, too, the weather is most delightful for dancing.

—The following marriage license has been issued by the county clerk since last report: Felipe Perez and Miss Simona Benavides.

—From a maximum temperature of 70 degrees yesterday afternoon the mercury attained a minimum of 38 degrees this morning. While there was no frost in Laredo, old Jack Frost was hovering near, as the night was still and cool—just the kind of weather when frost is in evidence.

—The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo this morning: Twelve carloads of calamine and four carloads of lead.

—J. E. Trout, inspector in charge of the U. S. Immigration Service in Laredo, who has been confined to his bed with illness since November 24, is up and about again, leaving his home for the first time in over a month on Christmas morning. He is fast recuperating from his illness and soon hopes to be feeling like his old self again.

NOTABLE BIRTHDAY TODAY.

DECEMBER 27.

Brigadier General Peyton Conway March, U. S. A., who last August was named by the War Department as chief of the United States artillery forces in France, and who has since been acting in that capacity, was born in Pennsylvania, fifty-three years ago today. General March is a graduate of the West Point military academy of the class of 1888; and has an excellent record preceding and leading up to his share in the pacification of the Philippines. During the war between Russia and Japan, he was United States military attaché to the Japanese forces, and used his opportunities as an observer for increase of personal and professional knowledge that has since proved serviceable. He is one of the officers whose abilities and temper were studied by General Pershing in action while mutually policing the Philippines, and he can be counted on to work in harmony with his chief, for the two are close personal friends.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- DECEMBER 27.
- 1811—Memorial presented to Congress setting forth the defenceless condition of Michigan, and praying for aid against the Indians.
- 1821—Lucius Fairchild, governor of Wisconsin, born at Kent, Ohio. Died at Madison, Wis., May 23, 1896.
- 1826—Attempted assassination of Louis Philippe by Meunier.
- 1854—Thomas W. Dorr, leader of "Dorr's Rebellion," died at Providence, R. I. Born there, Nov. 3, 1805.
- 1882—Austria celebrated the 600th anniversary of the establishment of the house of Hapsburg.
- 1889—Rev. Joseph Bernard Cotter was consecrated at St. Paul first Catholic bishop of the Winona diocese.
- 1891—Traffic throughout England was suspended by one of the densest fogs ever known in that country.
- 1894—Francis II, ex-king of Naples, died at Arco, Austria.
- 1902—Queen Alexandra gave a Christmas dinner to the widows and orphans of soldiers killed in the South African war.
- THE WAR:—
- 1914—Russians raised the siege of Cracow, and Austria announced her soil to be freed of the enemy.
- 1915—French took a line of German trenches in the Vosges.
- 1916—Russians fell back on the Moldavian frontier.

Notice to Taxpayers.

My office in the City Hall is now open for the collection of City taxes for the year 1917. Hours:—9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

D. C. de LACHICA,
City Tax Collector.
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SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Thursday.

The Heights Red Cross Knitting Circle will meet with Mrs. T. A. Bunn at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Busy Bees will have their Christmas Tree in the afternoon at the home of Misses Lois and Dorothy Derby.

Married Ladies Dancing Club will have their Christmas Dance, at 8:30 in the evening at Elks Hall.

The Married Ladies Social Club will be entertained by Mrs. J. W. Brewster at three-thirty o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday.

There will be a Jitney Dance given at the auditorium of the Laredo High School from 2:30 until 5 o'clock in the afternoon for the benefit of the Laredo High School Annual.

Community Christmas Party for the soldiers at the Market Hall at 8 o'clock in the evening.

When I Gave My Daddy.

When I gave my Daddy, when he said good-bye,
He kissed my curls and smoothed my brow
And tipped my chin up high
And smiled at me so cheerfully
I never thought to cry.

When I gave my Daddy, I thought he'd speak of war
And the brave things the soldiers do
And what they're fighting for,
But all he told me was, "You're like Your mother, more and more!"

When I gave my Daddy, as he went that day
He waved his hand and called to me,
"Be good while I'm away!"
And those were really all the things
My Daddy had to say.

When I gave my Daddy, my mother never said
A single, single word until
She kissed me in my bed,
But then she cried out Daddy's name
And pointed overhead.

When I gave my Daddy, when he said good-bye
And smiled at me so cheerfully
And tipped my chin up high
You'd never, never think that he
Had gone—perhaps to die.

—Roland Rathbone, in New York Herald.

General Mention.

Mr. Theodore Powell is in the city on his way back to Monterey from San Antonio, where he spent Christmas with relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. F. Shutt and children of Dolores arrived in the city yesterday for a short visit.

Miss Mary Walker of Pollock, La., is spending the winter in Laredo with her brother, Mr. J. O. Walker and family.

Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Hill, teachers at Encinal, are spending the week in Laredo, and have presented their letters of membership to Creath Memorial Baptist Church.

Major L. P. Baker has gone to Elgin, Texas, to spend the holidays.

Captain and Mrs. Ed. Matson of Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, are in the city visiting their mother, Mrs. A. Matson.

Miss Mary Hall who has been attending school at Sweet Brier College, Virginia, is at home spending the holidays with her parents.

Lieut. Col. Berry and family will leave today for New York, where Col. Berry will be stationed.

Lieutenant Tomlinson left last night for San Antonio, where he will be stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Jefferies are spending the holidays with relatives in Banquette.

Lieut. J. S. Seymour returned to San Antonio on Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lane and children are expected home the last of the week from San Antonio, after spending the holidays with relatives.

Entertainment.

Miss Alice Denike entertained very delightfully on Christmas afternoon, complimenting the bachelor officers of the 37th Infantry and the 14th Cavalry.

The rooms were attractively decorated in Christmas greens and poinsettias; the chandeliers were clouded in red maline, the color note which was reflected in all the appointments.

Miss Denike greeted her guests in the parlor, where she was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Foster, Miss Lettie Carroll and Miss Julia Leyendecker. In the dining room where coffee, sandwiches, cakes and nuts were served, Mrs. S. M. Barlow presided at the coffee service, assisted by Mrs. S. J. Schmitt and Misses Marguerite Nelson and Ethel Macklin. About fifty officers called during the afternoon.

Soldiers' Christmas.

Laredo women are asked not to forget the Christmas party to be given the men of the Post and the Camp on Friday evening, the 28th, at Market Hall. The various women's organizations are combining to give the men a jolly good time on this evening and will need the help of many. Those interested or willing to assist are asked to phone Miss Nelson. The Library telephone number is 1130 and on Friday the room will be open virtually all day.

Christmas Program at Methodist Church.

The Sunday School of the Methodist Church rendered a beautiful program at the church last night, entitled "Jesus' Birthday and His Gifts." A committee of ladies, headed by Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Seaman, had been training the children and working out details for several weeks; and the program last night fully justified their expended time and energy. There was a good audience, and many said it was the best Christmas program ever given by the church. The offering was for the Orphan Home at Waco, and was between thirty-five and forty dollars. The building was tastefully decorated, and special lights of different colors made the scenes of the nativity almost as real as if they had been acted on the Judean hills, while over it all a "wonderful star" shone from time to time. Every one did their part well, and it not only added to the cheer of the Christmas-time, but it also instructed the mind and elevated life, and made Him who brought Christmas to the world very near to all present. Dr. Thompson, the Superintendent of the Sunday School, was all smiles over it, and the audience felt that he had a right to be.

PERSONALS

T. D. Cobbs, a prominent attorney of San Antonio, is here today in attendance upon district court, where he is interested in a case called for trial this afternoon.

BENDER:—W. A. Tibbals, New York; Chas. S. Hasbrook, Providence, R. I.; W. H. Vedder, Atlanta, Ga.; G. M. Mitting, L. L. Morgan, San Antonio; G. R. Velenzuler, New York; R. H. Stahl, C. H. Floran, San Antonio; J. P. Medina, New York; H. G. Fletcher, Mexico City; H. S. Foster, England; Fred. Kalb, New York; H. E. Plummer and wife, Santo Tomas; F. M. Haynes, R. E. Felke, San Antonio; F. Y. Leslie and wife, St. Louis, Mo.; J. S. Puga, J. J. de la Garza, Mexico City.

HAMILTON:—O. Pratt, S. J. Jordan, Encinal; Chas. Strorter, M. Ferrara, Jr. New Orleans, La.; S. T. Phelps, San Antonio; F. Y. Leslie and wife, St. Louis, Mo.; Luis Bobadilla, New Laredo, Mex.; Paul L. Besh, Co. M, 37th Inf.; Leonard A. Locascio, Co. M, 37th Inf.; W. H. Gibson, Zapata; L. L. Schofield, Eagle Pass; C. P. Wallace, John Jackson, San Antonio; J. P. S. Menett and wife, Mexico.

Corporal Mathew Capra left Tuesday night for Camp Travis after spending Christmas here with his mother.

KAPPA ALPHA SOCIETY.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 27.—Jacksonville today began the entertainment of a distinguished body of college men, gathered here from many States for the national convention of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. At the initial session this morning Mayor John W. Martin delivered an address of welcome, to which response was made for the visitors by Henry C. Chiles of Lexington, Mo., knight commander of the society.

The Southern division of the Kappa Alpha was founded at Washington and Lee University at the close of the civil war and is an offshoot of the original society, founded at Union College in 1825, and which is the oldest of the American college fraternities.

SAYS WE WILL "CLEAN



Maj. Gen. Charles G. Treat, U. S. A., photographed at an Atlantic port upon his return from the western front. He said mud, cold and rain are the worst enemies of the boys over there. He added: "We are going to take our time about getting into this fight, but when we do get in, we will clean up."

In money matter the Cubans are as unsophisticated as Jess Willard. Being desirous of seeing their fellow countryman, Alfred De Oro, perform, the clear Habaneros voted the billiard king a pension and made him come home to collect it.

Clarence Rowland is certainly some baseball manager, but his play-acting is "vodevilishous." If our national pastime could have been represented on the stage by Heine Zim and his laugh provoking stunts—Oh, boy!

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WHEN GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER RAILROADS LARGE SALARIES TO EXECUTIVES REDUCED

President Wilson Aims in Some Measure to Increase the Wages of the Railway Workers—Securities Will Bear Interest of Not Less Than 4 Per Cent, and Government Gets Earnings.

TEACHERS MEET AT JOHNSTOWN.

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 27.—Johnstown today began the entertainment of a vast army of school teachers who have rallied here from every part of the State for the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Educational association. The sessions will continue several days and will be devoted to the consideration of a wide range of school problems, with particular reference to changes necessitated in school work by wartime conditions.

RAILROAD CAN'T QUIT.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 27.—The Denver, Boulder and Western Railroad had set this date to abandon its operations and dismantle and sell its equipment, but its plans have been upset by an order from the State Public Utilities Commission to the effect that for the present it must continue to run its trains. The road, which is 46 miles long, is the only line running to the tungsten district of Boulder County. In its application for permission to quit business the company stated as its reason an inability to meet expenses.

WEINERT TO MEET THE GUNNER.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 27.—For the entertainment of its patrons tomorrow night the Rhode Island Athletic club has arranged for a heavyweight attraction in the form of a 15-round contest between Gunboat Smith and Charley Weinert, the clever Newark heavyweight. The winner will be matched for a go with Bartley Madden.

FIRST VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 27.—The women of Bismarck exercised their new right of suffrage for the first time today in the election of a member of the city commission. The ballots used by the women were distinctive in color and separate ballot boxes were provided for the women voters.

MUSIC TEACHERS IN CONCLAVE.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 27.—The annual convention of the Music Teachers' National Association met in this city today with a large number of prominent musicians and instructors present from various parts of the country. Prof. J. Laurence Erb of the University of Illinois, who is president of the association, called the gathering to order. The sessions will continue several days and among the subjects to be taken up are choral singing, church music, public school music study and music publication. Speakers from New Orleans are to present papers on Creole music and Negro melodies.

MARKET REPORTS.

Special to The Times.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The following is the spinach market report for today: New York approximately 200 barrels from Virginia arrived. Demand and movement were moderate, quality and condition generally good. Some frozen, \$4 a barrel. Chicago receipts and supplies very light, demand and movement good; market steady. Louisiana best sugar barrels \$8.45. Pittsburgh receipts moderate demand, movement slow and market fair. Few sales of Baltimore stock \$2 a bushel. Kansas City receipts very light, demand and movement very slow, market only fair, quality and condition generally good. California 89 dozen crates, small lots \$4. St. Louis one Texas by express arrived, not yet placed on market, no sales reported. Denver arrivals in mixed cars only. Price to retailer 8-10 cents a pound.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight fair, warmer. Friday cloudy, colder.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 70 degs.
Min. temp. 38 degs.
General direction of wind: West.
Clear.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 27.—One of the first acts of the government in defining the operation of the railroads will be to reduce the large salaries now paid railway executives and increase in some measure the wages of railway workers. Securities to be issued while the government is in control will be at interest rates of not less than 4 per cent and the issues will be made under the joint authorities of the director general and the interstate commerce commission. The president, when he outlines the government's plans in his forthcoming address to congress, will ask that the government be empowered to buy any railroad securities. All earnings over and above an amount to be agreed upon will go to the government. Congress will be asked to appropriate a large fund, probably \$200,000,000, for the immediate supply of rolling stock to handle traffic. The director general will have authority to decide if the government will also control the express companies.

To Take Over Railroads.

Washington, Dec. 26.—President Wilson announced tonight that he will assume possession and operation of every railroad in the continental United States at noon Friday, Dec. 28, and has appointed Secretary McAdoo director general of railroads.

Plan is a Failure.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The wooden shipbuilding program was pictured as almost a complete failure today by Rear Admiral Bowles, general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, testifying at the senate commerce committee's investigation of shipbuilding.

AUSTRIAN PREMIER DEFINES HIS STAND

TEUTONS SOLEMNLY DECLARE INTENTION TO SIGN PEACE TERMS EQUALLY JUST TO ALL.

By Associated Press.

Petrograd, Dec. 27.—The Central powers, Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, told the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk yesterday, solemnly declare their resolve to immediately sign terms which will terminate the war on conditions equally just to all the belligerents. The Central powers also favor a general peace without forcible annexations and indemnities. They could not bind themselves to such terms without a guarantee that Russia's allies could recognize them and carry them out honestly toward the Central powers. Count Czernin said the Central powers believe that the basic principles uttered by the Russian delegates could be the basis of such a peace. He said they shared the Russian condemnation of the war for the sake of conquest.

Count Czernin said that the Central powers do not intend to forcibly annex seized territory nor deprive the nations of their political independence lost in war. President Ioff of the Russian delegation expressed a willingness to conclude peace on the basis of no annexations, no indemnities and self-definition of peoples, but pointed out that self-definition within the limits granted by constitutions, as stated by Germany, was not complete.

Germans Driven Out.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Three attacks by Germans last night on the Verdun front east of the Meuse are announced. The Germans succeeded in penetrating the French lines at the third attempt, but were driven out with heavy losses.

Couldn't Break Through.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The Germans last night made two attacks on the Verdun front, but were not able to break through the French lines, the war office reports.

Got Teuton Airplanes.

Rome, Dec. 27.—Eleven Austro-German airplanes have been brought down by British and Italian forces in a big aerial battle which developed when the Teutons attempted unsuccessfully to bomb Treviso, 16 miles north of Venice.

Arrested German Socialists.

London, Dec. 27.—More than 300 members of the German minority so-

PRESIDENT NEARS 81st MILESTONE.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Messages of greeting, by letter and telegram, began to reach the White House today, reminding President Wilson that tomorrow will be his sixty-first birthday anniversary. The president will spend the day quietly with his family, and no special observance of the anniversary is planned.

FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.

New York, Dec. 27.—Questions concerning the economic and civic status of the negro and his relations to the country, now and after the war, will be considered by the seventh annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which assembled here today and will continue in session through the remainder of the week. Subjects slated to receive particular attention concern the draft of troops, negro officers, the migration of negroes, wages and after-the-war conditions, and co-operative business enterprises for negroes.

TEACHERS TO DISCUSS WAR SUBJECTS.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—War subjects will be the topic of many of the addresses at the Illinois State Teachers' association's sixty-fourth annual meeting, which opened in this city today with a large and representative attendance. The most notable of the speakers will be former President William H. Taft, who will address the convention Saturday morning.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE.

New York, Dec. 27.—Followers of intercollegiate athletics are looking forward with much interest to the twelfth annual convention of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, which is to be held at the Hotel Astor, this city, tomorrow.

Two of the speakers at the initial session tomorrow morning will be President W. H. P. Faunce of Brown University, and President George E. Vincent of the general education board.

At the afternoon session reports will be received from the representatives of the mine districts and from committees, standing and special.

The evening session will be given up as usual to more or less informal discussion of pressing problems. It is proposed that the delegates may be disposed to continue the discussion that was begun at the informal meeting of the association in Washington last August. The resolutions passed at that meeting, which was intended to guide the colleges in their efforts to make their athletic programs conform to the military needs of the nation, have been well received and widely adopted. The association has more work to do in this direction, as new problems are continually arising in the growing demand of the country upon the colleges for the best they can offer in the way of trained men.

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chalist party were arrested Christmas Eve by the German military authorities, according to a Zurich despatch given out by the wireless press. The arrests were made in fourteen different towns.

The German minority socialists comprise a strong faction in the party which refused to follow the lead of Philip Scheidemann and others in their virtually unqualified support of the government.

British Steamer Wrecked.

London, Dec. 27.—The British steamer City of Nagpur has been wrecked in Delagoa Bay, Portuguese East Africa, according to a Times' despatch. The 259 passengers and the cargo were saved.

British Aviator Killed.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 27.—Gordon Mott of the Royal Flying Corps was killed in a fall this morning.

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From Wednesday's Daily.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN LAREDO OBSERVED IN PATRIOTIC WAY

FIREWORKS ELIMINATED IN THE OBSERVANCE THIS YEAR.

Soldier Boys Made the Best of the Day, and All Were Remembered, While Poor Were Not Forgotten.

Commensurate with the conditions confronting the country this year, and in true keeping with the spirit that was recommended by the president, there was no bombastic observance of Christmas this year in Laredo, but, on the other hand, it was celebrated in a manner that can be classed as sane and patriotic. The usual pyrotechnical displays and detonations of huge cannon crackers sent forth sonorous sounds, was this year practically eliminated, or rather reduced to the minimum here, for there was an absence of the usual fireworks display and very few fire crackers or cannon crackers were heard. This was in keeping with the recommendation to conserve the explosives for a more grim purpose—of its possible using to contribute to the makeup of ammunition.

Christmas day in Laredo dawned with the arrival of a fresh, cool northerly wind which arrived at about 6 o'clock, causing the mercury to take a big tumble and putting a chill into the atmosphere. It is unusual for Christmas day to be anything other than one of those sublime days of the whole year but this time, like conditions generally everywhere on account of the colossal conflict overseas, Laredo experienced a Christmas that smacked mildly of wintry-like weather. But even the chill did not deter the people from getting about early in the day, for by nine o'clock yesterday morning the streets were alive with civilians and soldiers, and the sudden change of weather did not in the least interfere with their plans. The true Christmas spirit was manifested everywhere, and the salutary greeting, "A Merry Christmas to You," was heard everywhere.

While many of Laredo's soldier boys had come home to spend their Christmas with the folks at home, likewise many young men who had recently answered the call of their country and were assigned to Laredo for station, left for their homes—that is, those who resided in this state or a nearby state, while those as far away as New York and other eastern states, could not go home and get back in time, so these had to forego the delight of spending Christmas with their dear ones. But the soldiers as a whole made the best of their environments and appeared possessed of the right spirit, realizing that they were now wearing the khaki for a serious purpose and as soldiers they must forego many pleasures. Those in the military camps here had everything possible to make the day one of pleasure—the menus of the Christmas dinners of the different troops and companies being some of the most elaborate ever spread here. In addition to this, there were no soldiers who failed to be remembered at Christmas time. It is believed, for most of the boys stationed in the military camps here received packages from their loved ones at home, and if there were any who had nobody "back home" to send them a remembrance, they were recipients of gifts from the big tree at the community Christmas tree entertainment given at the Y. M. C. A. building last evening under the auspices of the War Service Board of Laredo.

The poor children of the city were likewise remembered, and the principal attraction to this element was the Christmas entertainment and gift distribution held at the Lincoln skating rink, where a committee of ladies distributed gifts of clothing, toys, candies, etc., to hundreds of poor Mexican children. The news that the distribution of gifts would be made at the skating rink was spread among the poor Mexicans, and the usual heavy response resulted. Other gift distributions were also made, including the annual remembrance of the poor by the One Price Department Store.

There were special Christmas services at the various churches yesterday, following midnight services at both the Catholic and Episcopal churches, and the Christmas day services were largely attended, many men in uniform being among the large congregations.

Summed up in nutshell, as the saying goes, Christmas was observed in a truly sane and patriotic manner this year, but the genuine Christmas spirit was conspicuous everywhere, the only feature being eliminated being the unnecessary, bombastic noise produced by fireworks.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

SHOTGUN WAS DISCHARGED WHEN YOUNG MAN STUMBLED

Private E. H. Kline Had Four Toes of His Left Foot Shattered as Result Accident Monday Morning.

Edward H. Kline, of this city, formerly in the employ of the Border Gas Co. as pipe fitter, but at present a member of the national army attached to the 345th Machine Gun Co. stationed at Camp Travis, met with a painful accident on Monday morning which deprived him of his big toe and three other toes and leaving only the little toe remaining on the left foot.

Private Kline, who is on a ten days' leave of absence and was looking after some work for the Border Gas Co., had left Laredo Monday morning in an automobile in company with a Mexican, and when out about five miles, between Laredo and the target range, he espied a coyote. He stopped the car, grabbed up his shotgun, which carried shells loaded with buckshot, and alighted. As he stepped forward a few feet he stumbled and fell and the gun was discharged. Not until he started to get up from the ground did he discover what had happened.

In the discharge of the shotgun the toes of the left foot, with the exception of the small toe, were shattered. He was rushed to this city and taken to the post hospital at Fort McIntosh, where the shattered members were amputated. Attending physicians state that Private Kline will be confined to his bed for a short time, but that he will be able to be up and about in a few weeks. He is not believed to be incapacitated for military service.

SALOON DESTROYED BY FIRE EARLY HOUR THIS MORNING

Small "Dispensary" on Heights Consumed by Flames Before Neighbors Discovered the Conflagration.

This morning shortly after 3 o'clock an alarm of fire was sounded from the first ward and all those who glanced toward the direction of the Heights observed an illumination of the heavens in that quadrant. The fire apparatus was rushed to the scene, but the building enveloped in flames was practically consumed before the alarm had been turned in. The fire was at the corner of Guadalupe street and Anderson Avenue, and the place destroyed was the "Bella Vista Saloon," owned by Benjamin Soto. The saloon with all its contents was a total loss. How the fire started at the time it did is a mystery, as no one had been in there since closing time last night. Nearby to the saloon are several small homes, but the good work of the firemen in holding the flames to their base prevented damage to these buildings. When the occupants of the house nearest the saloon first discovered the fire the place was practically doomed, and before the alarm could be turned in the building was totally destroyed.

FOUR CROOKS APPREHENDED WHILE OPERATING IN LAREDO

Men Had Converted Shoe Boxes Into Clever Devices to Assist Them in Their Petty Stealing.

A quartette of clever crooks, with as many accomplices, who had been operating in Laredo during the holidays and practicing their legerdemain in some of the business establishments, were apprehended by Special Officer Abel Cantu, and later deported to the Mexican side of the river, where the men were formerly employed as streetcar motormen, scavengers, etc., according to papers found on their possession upon examination at the police station.

The crooks, who indulged in petty stealing, operated with a pasteboard shoe box wrapped in paper and with cord tied about it. The box of each party had one end open and worked in the order of a flap when the string tied about the box was pulled in a certain way. Going into a store the men who had these clever devices would be apparently looking over some goods with a view to purchasing when, upon seeing the attention of the clerk diverted in some other direction, they would pull the string on the box in their hand, the flap would open and something would be secreted in the box and carried away.

Ingenuity is shown in the clever contraption, and it is hard to tell how much merchandise has been stolen by the crooks, but as none was found on them when arrested, they were ordered deported from this country. The names of the four men arrested and deported are Jesus Gallegos, Miguel Ramirez, Leopoldo Jimenez and Tejares.

NOTICE OF BANKRUPT SALE.

Frank Pratt, Trustee in the estate of M. Kaufman, Bankrupt, will sell at private sale, for cash, ten days after date, in Laredo, Texas, in accord with and by virtue of an order of sale, issued by Jno. C. Scott, Referee in bankruptcy for the Southern District of Texas, said sale or sales being subject to the approval of the said Referee, the following property, to-wit: (1) Stock of goods, classified as "Gents Furnishing." (2) Store fixtures, consisting of a small safe, of show cases, counters, tables, etc. Laredo, Webb County, Texas, Dec. 21, 1917.

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LITTLE LOCALS

—The importations through this port from Mexico this morning consisted of two carloads of henequen and two carloads of hite.

—Cut flowers and plants for Christmas and the holidays, Edward Green, Florist, Ave. C at 8th St., San Antonio.

William Smith and Mary Jackson, two colored persons, were arrested Monday by police officials charged with being morphine fiends. When brought to the police station small vials of the narcotic were found in their possession. They were ordered to leave Laredo at once and not return here under penalty of being imprisoned.

—Used Car Bargains—Studebaker, Dodge, Hupmobile, Ford—all first-class condition. RIO GRANDE BUICK COMPANY.

—Before you buy your toys see R. Flores and Brother.

—Bertha Mitchell, a woman residing in the western portion of the city, while in a state of despondency on Monday evening, swallowed a quantity of carbolic acid with suicidal intent, and but for the timely arrival of neighbors, would have succumbed to the effects of the deadly drug. The unfortunate woman was rushed to Mercy Hospital and at last reports was doing well and will recover.

—Yarns and knitting needles. Miss M. Salles.

—For pure and healthful soda waters, all flavors, phone Frank Rathelov, No. 48.

—The following marriage license has been issued by the county clerk since last report: Nikola Karabanof and Miss Mary Stout.

—The mercury went down almost "next door" to the freezing point this morning—it dropped from 68 to 34, or two degrees above freezing.

—City Garage, tel. 515. Jitney cars. Vulcanizing. Work guaranteed.

—Just arrived, overload of toys. R. Flores and Brother.

—Used Car Bargains—Studebaker, Dodge, Hupmobile, Ford—all first-class condition. RIO GRANDE BUICK COMPANY.

—Texas Real Estate & Abstract Co. 1012 Farragut street. Phone 1061. Abstracts of property in Laredo and lands of Webb county.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office.

—The Belmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 576 or 1017.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans.

LAREDO RED CROSS PARADE WAS HELD MONDAY EVENING

Headed By Thirty-Seventh Infantry Band and Boy Scouts Carrying Torches, Lady Members Paraded.

Members of the Laredo Chapter of the Red Cross, comprising about fifty ladies garbed in the snow-white uniform of the order, had a procession through the business district of the city Monday night at about 8 o'clock, headed by the Thirty-seventh Infantry Band and the Boy Scouts, the latter carrying torches that emblazoned the path of the parade.

The body of Red Cross members left the Elks Club and proceeded south to Hidalgo street, thence east on Hidalgo to the city hall, thence north on Flores Avenue to Matamoros street, thence west on Matamoros to Jarvis Plaza, and after circling about the Plaza, the procession broke up and the members were taken into automobiles and proceeded to Fort McIntosh, where they sang in front of the hospital for the sick soldiers and then proceeded to the Y. M. C. A. building and sang there.

As the parade passed along the streets the marching members, to the accompaniment of the regimental band, sang patriotic songs. It was a most inspiring spectacle and attracted much attention and favorable comment, for if there are any real patriotic women, they are the members of the Red Cross.

AFTER THREE YEARS, LAREDO TESTIMONY REMAINS UNSHAKEN.

Time is the best test of truth. Here is a Laredo story that has stood the test of time. It is a story with a point which will come straight home to many of us.

Frank Camille, prop. cigar factory, 1919 Hidalgo St., says: "The passages of the kidney secretions were too frequent and I had pains in my back when I stopped over. Finally I used Doan's Kidney Pills and the pains in my back stopped and my kidneys became normal."

AFTER A LAPSE OF OVER THREE YEARS Mr. Camille said: "I haven't had to use any kidney medicine in the past few years. Doan's Kidney Pills have permanently cured me."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Camille had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

XMAS ENTERTAINMENT AT POST BRILLIANT SUCCESS

WAS FIRST PUBLIC FUNCTION OF WAR SERVICE BOARD.

Board indebted to Many for Valuable Service Rendered in the Entertainment; Gifts for 2,200 Soldiers.

The Christmas Community Entertainment last night at the Army Y. M. C. A. building under the auspices of the War Service Board of Laredo was a tremendous success. It was the first public function given by the War Service Board of Laredo and was attended by fully twelve hundred people. The hall was crowded to standing room capacity, as there were several hundred people from Laredo besides the attendance by the soldiers from Fort McIntosh.

It was an ideal, old time Christmas entertainment. Christmas greeting was extended by Secretary Macdonald. Then the Red Cross singers under the direction of Mrs. T. A. Austin sang two beautiful Christmas carols entitled "Holy Night" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," which were exceedingly well rendered.

Mrs. Adelaide Gebhardt Macdonald sang a solo "The New Born King." Mrs. Macdonald has a beautiful voice and the solo was enthusiastically received. Dr. Hall, chairman of the Board, then presented Mr. Devore, who made a brief statement expressing the appreciation of the enlisted men for the untiring and generous service of Mrs. Macdonald and presented her with a beautiful silver set of six pieces. A reading in negro dialect was then given by Mrs. Butron which took the house by storm.

Mr. J. Shaw and Mrs. Sue Schmidt sang a duet which was received with heavy applause and Mr. Taylor of the 37th U. S. Infantry Band gave a trombone selection entitled "Asleep in the Deep," which was very well rendered.

Mr. R. L. Bobbitt, who was here on a furlough from Camp Travis, made a few spirited remarks of a patriotic character commenting upon the Christmas spirit and the force of public opinion as a factor in winning the war. His eloquent remarks were received with enthusiasm.

Santa Claus (Mr. C. W. Cook) then appeared and superintended the giving out of Christmas presents. A box containing nuts and candy was given to every soldier in the Laredo district (2,200 in all). The boy scouts assisted in the distribution of the presents.

Miss Dorothy Wiggins gave a Spanish dance, which displayed remarkable grace and skill. The "Hawaiian Girls," consisted of Misses Maude Mussett, Hazel Patrick, Margaret Sturdevant, Ruth Simpson, Ella Davine, Little Adrienne Luchesse and Mrs. Guinn Smith and Messrs. Joseph Lowry, Nick Sanchez and Clarence Wood, rendered a very attractive program of Hawaiian songs and dances in appropriate costumes.

Sergeant Halpin gave a clarinet solo, which was well received and J. W. Kenney wearing a comic mask danced the cakewalk, reels, old fashioned Irish breakdown and the "darker" grapevine.

Under the direction of Mrs. Macdonald the soldiers sang a number of army songs which lent enthusiasm and spirit to the occasion. Then came the minstrel show, containing so many good features that it is impossible to do justice to all of them. Mr. Widman did some wonderful juggling acts. A buck and wing dance and a song "You Are Not Going By-Bye To-Night" and other features made big "hits" and the program ended with a medley that was very catchy. These features were presented by the "Stunt Club" of the Army.

The program was contributed in three sections: The Red Cross feature by Mrs. T. A. Austin and ladies under her direction; the Laredo feature by the Woman's Club under the direction of Mrs. D. F. Anderson, and the army talent by Mrs. Adelaide Gebhardt Macdonald.

The War Service Board is an organization formed by the Laredo Chamber of Commerce three months ago for the purpose of concentrating all of the elements in the city and all of the organizations into a working body to provide recreation for the soldiers. For the entertainment last night and the gifts presented to the soldiers the board is indebted to the following financial contributors: The business men of Laredo who patronized the program advertising, the Laredo Chapter of the Red Cross, which contributed very liberally, the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, St. Peter's Parish, the Women's Club, the Honor Guard Girls, Christ Church, Presbyterian Aid Society, Ladies Christian Aid.

Appreciation is expressed by the board to all who aided in making the Christmas a cheerful occasion for the soldiers.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation. Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

Detroit evening high schools have arranged special courses to train women for governmental positions.

Half a million quarts of fruits and vegetables were canned by eight thousand Kansas girls the past summer and fall.

Mme. Menocal, wife of the President of Cuba, has been instrumental in raising one million dollars for the Cuban Red Cross, of which she is the head.

The centennial anniversary of the birth of Maria Mitchell, the most famous of American women astronomers, will be celebrated during the coming year.

Women and girls are now employed in the glass factories of New Jersey for the first time since the establishment of the industry more than a century ago.

Plans are already under way in several of the western States to secure woman farm laborers next year to take the places of men who have joined the colors.

Mrs. R. M. Campbell, wife of a Denver physician, boasts of thirty cousins, nephews and other male relatives now fighting in the ranks of the Entente Allies.

More speakers of national prominence addressed the recent convention of the W. C. T. U. in Washington than were ever heard at any previous gathering of that organization.

The employment of women as active members of the fire departments in the large cities is considered a possibility of the near future by the chief of the Philadelphia fire department.

BE BRAVE, YE WOMEN, ENTER THE KITCHEN.

Margaret Deland, the well known writer, says in the January Woman's Home Companion:

"This is a brave world just now, and it shames us to admit, even to ourselves, how we hate to face some domestic guns; we hate to ask about left-over dropped eggs; and still more do we flunk the going back to the sense of mothers and grandmothers, and do our own ordering! There is, however, one thing that would help us poor craven housekeepers immensely, namely, 'a community effort.' If groups of women—the women's clubs, the women of a parish, the women of a street—would get together, and pledge each other their moral support, the domestic situation would be immensely helped; we would cease to be bullied by our kitchen. Once let Mary realize that not only Mrs. A is 'mean,' and Mrs. B 'snoos round in the refrigerator,' and Mrs. C 'gives ye a call-down about yer potato parings,' but that the whole alphabet of housekeepers will not permit waste, Mary, too, and all her kind, will finally fall into line!"

"You know the fable of the old man and his sons and the sticks? The single stick was easily broken. The single housekeeper is easily cowed. The fable is unbreakable! If we women, all together, insist upon a moral, social, economical course, our kitchens will join us."

MESSANGER OF DEATH.

Paris, Dec. 26.—There are about two hundred separate and distinct kinds of shells fired from German guns, and each and every one of them has been given at least one nickname by the soldiers of the Allies. Some of them have been given several.

The biggest kind of high explosive shells, for instance, are known directly as "Jack Johnsons," "Dirty Dicks," "Crumps," "Coal Boxes," "Flower Pots," or "Whistling Willies."

The smaller kind are "Black Marias" or "Woolly Bears," according to whether the smoke they emit when bursting is black, or white with a yellowish tinge.

High explosive shrapnel and trench mortar shells are respectively "whizz-bangs," and "pip squeaks," from their habit of giving only these warnings of their approach "Archiballs" are anti-aircraft shells. Ordinary shrapnel projectiles are "Little Willies."

Gas in the stomach comes from food which has fermented. Get rid of this badly digested food as quickly as possible if you would avoid a bilious attack; HERBINE is the remedy you need. It cleanses and strengthens the stomach, liver and bowels, and restores energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take which is important when must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

KILL THE COUGH AND CURE THE LUNGS WITH DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY FOR COUGHS AND ALL THROAT AND LUNG TROUBLES. GUARANTEED SATISFACTORY OR MONEY REFUNDED.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

DECEMBER 26.

1794—The Privy Council of England met to deliberate on what was called the "pop gun conspiracy."

1805—Venice was annexed to the kingdom of Italy by treaty of Presburg.

1830—The Powers acknowledged the independence of Belgium.

1837—Battle at Wacassassa river, Florida, between United States troops and the Seminole Indians.

1860—Proclamation of Victor Emmanuel, annexing Marches, Umbria, Naples and Sicily to Italy.

1860—Gen. Samuel R. Curtis, who commanded the Federals at the battle of Pea Ridge died at Council Bluffs, Iowa. Born in New York in 1807.

1886—Gen. John A. Logan, soldier and statesman, died in Washington, D. C. Born at Murphysboro, Ill., Feb. 8, 1826.

1888—Sultan of Zanzibar surrendered all control over British East Africa Company's territory for annual subsidy.

1891—Chattanooga, Tenn., had a half-million dollar fire.

THE WAR.—1914—Russians defeated Austrians in Galicia and Turks in Asia Minor.

1915—Intense artillery actions on French and Austro-Italian fronts without change in positions.

1916—Austrian troops stormed Filipecht, on Buzeu-Bralla railway.

Wheezing in the lungs indicates that phlegm is obstructing the air passages. BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP loosens the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected. Price 25c. 60c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

To Attend Conference.

Prof. Fred W. Mally, Farm Demonstrator of Webb County, left on the noon train today, for College Station, Texas, where he was called for a consultation concerning the work of the County Agents for Texas, for the ensuing year. The Agricultural College and Extension Service of the State, as well as the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the War Department, are anxious to plan the year's campaign on feed and food crops to the very best advantage. They expect to secure best results through the County Agents and Farm Demonstration work. Prof. Mally will be in a three days session of this conference of County Agents, and will not return before about the first of January.

TIMES WANT ADS.

Money Makers

Market Reports on Spinach.

Prof. Fred W. Mally, Farm Demonstrator of Webb County, has arranged for a market service from the Bureau of Markets, United States Department of Agriculture to get the daily market service on spinach the rest of the season, the same as the service on onions was rendered last spring.

If the daily service is found to be unnecessary, then two or three times a week will be sufficient, and will be given to Prof. Mally as desired for distribution to the growers. The telegraphic market news will be given to each of the papers each day so that the growers may all be posted as to the actual market conditions, and know what the local cash price on this crop should be.

The report will be available either through Mr. Aug. C. Richter, Chairman of the Farmers Association, or the Chamber of Commerce, during Prof. Mally's absence on official business for Webb County during the rest of the week.

JUST OUT

CHICO

WASHING WONDER

LET CHICO DO THE WORK "ORDER IT WITH THE GROCERIES"

Bevo

Look for this Fox on each crown top

Cold Weather Notice

Keep in mind the fact that Bevo, being a soft drink, will freeze at 32° Fahrenheit—just like any other non-alcoholic beverage. Be careful about this, as freezing affects the rich fullness of that delightful Bevo flavor which goes so particularly well with a meal or a bite to eat.

If Bevo were merely a summer beverage this warning might not be so timely—but, as all who drink it know—

Bevo is an all-year-'round drink

Everybody enjoys it for more than just its thirst-quenching qualities—the pleasure it gives comes from its flavor, purity and wholesome nutritiousness—the enjoyment of these qualities is independent of time or season.

To get full pleasure out of Dutch lunches, Welsh rarebits, oysters, clams, lobsters, sausage, cheese and many other such delicious edibles, Bevo should be included.

You will find Bevo at inns, cafeterias, restaurants, groceries, department and drug stores, soda fountains, dining cars, steamships, canteens, soldiers' homes, navy, and other places where refreshing soft drink beverages are sold.

Your grocer will supply you by the case. Demand the genuine—have the bottle opened in front of you—see that the seal is unbroken covering the crown top and see that the crown top bears the Fox.

Bevo is sold in bottles only, and is bottled exclusively by ANHEUSER-BUSCH—ST. LOUIS

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DEALERS, LAREDO, TEXAS.

COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT FORT MCINTOSH TOMORROW

UNDER AUSPICES OF THE WAR
SERVICE BOARD OF LAREDO.

Laredo Public Invited; Minstrel
Show, Dancing, Etc. Xmas Gifts
Distributed to Soldiers.

The Community Christmas Entertain-
ment, to be given under the
auspices of the War Service Board of
Laredo on Tuesday, December 26th
at the Army Y M. C. A. building at
Fort McIntosh, will be an elaborate
affair and is given for soldiers and
civilians.

The people of Laredo are invited to
attend the entertainment, which will
consist of a minstrel show, dances,
songs, the singing of Christmas carols
and many attractive special features.
There will be a Christmas tree ap-
propriately arranged and presents will
be distributed to all of the Fort Mc-
Intosh soldiers by the War Service
Board.

The entertainment will begin
promptly at 7:30 and parking space
will be provided for the Laredo peo-
ple who come in their cars. The War
Service Board has issued a program
which will be distributed in the city
as well as at the entertainment. The
merchants and business houses of La-
redo have liberally patronized the pro-
gram in their advertising and the La-
redo Chapter of the Red Cross, the
Laredo Chamber of Commerce, the
Womans' Club, St. Peter's Parish,
Christ Church and Presbyterian Aid
Societies, Ladies Christian Aid and
Honor Guard have all given financial
assistance to the enterprise.

The War Service Board is non-
religious and non-sectarian, existing
for the sole purpose of providing
wholesome recreation for the U.
S. soldiers. The entertainment to be
given Christmas night, with the dis-
tribution of presents for the soldiers
will be the first public function ar-
ranged by the board.

The members of this board are Dr.
H. C. Hall, chairman; Colonel Henry
T. Ferguson, J. R. Moore, Mrs. C. S.
McKinney, Mrs. H. C. Hall, Mrs. A.
Adelaide Gehardt MacDonald, R. K.
Mims, Dr. Helen E. Kenney, Joseph
J. Jurgens, B. G. Salinas, Joseph W.
Kenney.

The gifts will be distributed Christ-
mas night by the Boy Scouts. Pack-
ages will also be delivered to the sol-
diers in the outlying camps, and 2200
soldiers in all will receive boxes.

MANY HOME FOR CHRISTMAS AND MANY NOT ABLE TO COME

Laredo Soldier Boys Return to This
City to Spend the Christmas Season
With the "Old Folks at Home."

The trains arriving here Saturday,
Sunday and today from the north
brought to Laredo many of the young
men who have been at either Camp
Travis or Camp Bowie, or in some of
the regular army posts, these soldier
boys being on short leave to spend
Christmas with the folks here at
home, for there is no telling where
they will be when another Christmas
rolls around. Many of the Laredo sol-
dier boys will be among those going
overseas for a grim duty within the
next few months, and at this time
they are availing themselves of the
opportunity to come back for a short
stay before leaving for foreign lands.

Not only are the relatives of the
soldier boys rejoicing at their being
at home at this time, but their many
friends share in the greetings and
well wishes. While there are a large
number of the young men home for
Christmas, there are many others
who could not get off to spend the
glad season with the "old folks
at home," being detained at the mil-
itary camps by duties that demanded
their attention, while some others
had previously been given furloughs.
However, to those who have come
home for Christmas, and to those who
did not get home, The Times and
many friends extend best wishes for a
Merry and Joyous Christmas and a
Happy and Prosperous New Year.

FUNERAL OF MRS. CAMPBELL HELD SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Remains Were Laid to Rest By the
Side of Those of Her Husband, Who
Died Here 23 Years Ago.

The funeral of Mrs. Julia Morton
de Campbell, who died at Mercy Hospi-
tal at 5:15 Saturday morning, took
place from the Convery undertaking
parlors at 4 o'clock Saturday after-
noon and was well attended by old
friends of the family. Many beauti-
ful floral tributes were sent.

The interment was in the Catholic
Cemetery, the remains of Mrs. Camp-
bell being laid to rest beside those of
her husband, who preceded her to the
grave 23 years before. The following
acted as pallbearers: Ed. Denike,
Justo S. Penn, V. L. Pulf, Jose R.
Sanchez, Carlos and Luis Morton.

Card of Thanks.

We wish by this means to express
our sincere thanks to all those kind
friends, who assisted us during the
illness and death of our beloved moth-
er and sister, the late Mrs. Julia Mor-
ton de Campbell; also to those who
sent flowers at the funeral.

THE FAMILY.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Editor Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.

The Sunbeam Band of the
Baptist Church will meet at
the church at four o'clock in
the afternoon.

Carol Singers will meet
promptly at Elks' Hall at 7
o'clock in the evening.

Dance at the Latin-American
in the evening.

Dance at the 37th Infantry
Club in the evening.

Tuesday.

Miss Alice Denike will have
"open house" on Christmas
afternoon from 4:30 until 7
o'clock for the bachelor of-
ficers of the Thirty-seventh In-
fantry and the Fourteenth
Cavalry.

Dinner dance at the Hotel
Hamilton in the evening.

The Baptist Sunday School
will have its Christmas pro-
gram and Christmas tree at
the church at 7:30 o'clock in
the evening.

Midnight Service at the
Episcopal Church will begin at
eleven o'clock, to which all are
invited.

Wednesday.

This is the flag that flew
Where the foe could not break
through.

There was an old bridge,
There were two gray towers.
"They shall not pass!" he said.
The flag was there.

It counted days and hours,
It counted all the dead.

Thursday.

Like flocks of birds it saw
The souls go by.
It flew, gray or blue
The watching sky.

It heard the great guns speak,
And guns reply.

"They shall not pass!" he said.
And then the very dead
Took up the battle cry.

This is the flag that flew,
Red, white and blue, like flowers,
Over the old gray bridge,
Over the two gray towers.

A comrade to the stars,
And sister of the rain,
Speaking the speech of winds,
And intimate with pain.

Familiar friend of death,
Symbol of life to be,
Mother of hope new born,
And wise in memory.

This is the flag that flew
Where the foe could not break
through.

—Louise Driscoll in the New York
Times.

General Mention.

Mrs. Heloise M. Villegas arrived
yesterday from San Antonio and is
the house guest of her son, Mr. Leo-
poldo Villegas.

Mr. Frank Cullinan arrived yester-
day afternoon to spend the holidays
with his parents.

Miss Eugenia Lafon of San Antonio
will arrive in the city on Thursday,
December 27th, to remain until after
New Year's. She will be the guest of
Mr. and Mrs. Luis Lafon.

Lieutenant J. S. Denike will arrive
on the morning of the 25th to spend
Christmas with his parents.

Mrs. Wm. Payson and Mrs. T. G.
Gallagher of San Antonio are the
guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. John-
ston.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Henry and little
son left on Saturday for Montsola,
Texas, to spend the holidays with
relatives.

Mrs. W. T. Hill and daughters,
Misses Inez and Lalla Rookh Hill,
arrived in the city yesterday to spend
the holidays.

Mr. Furney Muller arrived on Sat-
urday to spend the holidays at home.

Entertainment.

The Heights school children were
pleasantly entertained Saturday night
at the school-building. A Christmas
tree and a Santa Claus who could
whistle like a mocking bird caused
unrestrained enthusiasm. Miss Dor-
othy Morton had to repeat her dance,
so insistent was the applause. The
Christmas Carols given by the second
and third grades, and directed by Mrs.
D. F. Anderson, were enjoyed by the
"older folk" as well as the children.

Little Miss Rosita Applewhite's solo
work was exceptionally good. The
recitations were all well received and
spoke well of Mrs. Hickey's training.
Mr. Christen as master of ceremonies
was almost mobbed at the distribu-
tion of the stockings, but with the
assistance of Santa Claus, managed to
maintain his equilibrium. There were
stockings for all and fruit and nuts
and candy for the faithful boy scouts;
speaking of boy scouts—what would
we do without them? The ladies felt
well repaid for their efforts, as they
watched the glowing faces of the chil-
dren as they filed out after the per-
formance. While their enthusiasm

was somewhat deafening, it was also
pleasing, as children are usually hap-
piest when noisiest.

Dance.

The officers and ladies of Fort Mc-
Intosh entertained with their usual
delightful hop at the 37th Infantry
Club on Saturday evening. Delicious
hot chocolate and cakes were served
at the close of the evening. Among
those who enjoyed the pleasure of the
occasion were: Misses Zara Mowry,
Alice Denike, Marguerite Nelson, Mar-
celle Beene, Kathryn MacGregor,
Evelyn Moore, Whitely, Mesdames
Dwan, Wheeler, Foster, Barlow, Ed-
mundo, Easley; Captain and Mrs.
Harris, Captains McCleary, Rinearsen,
Horn, Bassett, Myers, and Lieuten-
ants Keller, Colburn, Keyhoe, Wat-
son, Zupan, Hemmway, Fink, John-
son, McClure, Messrs. Pepe Lowry
and Furney Muller.

Christmas Eve Service.

The following musical program has
been arranged for the midnight ser-
vice at Christ Church tonight, begin-
ning at 11 o'clock and lasting until
midnight:

Processional, Hymn, 59, "It Came
Upon the Midnight Clear."

Carols in place of Magnificat, "God
Rest You, Merry Gentlemen," and
"We Three Kings of Orient Are."

Hymn, "The Christ Child and the
Star."

Offertory, "Star of the East", Coombs
Mrs. Sue J. Schmidt, with violin
obligato by Miss Verna Kelly.

Carol, "Ring Out, Ye Bells."
Recessional, Hymn 45.

Cornet, "Adeste, Fideles," played from
church tower at midnight by
Chief Musician Everloff.

PERSONALS

S. K. Callahan accompanied by Jas.
S. Neuting and S. N. Whiting left yester-
day in an automobile for San An-
tonio and they expect to return in a
few days to open the Willard Battery
BENDER:—W. F. Jorden, Mexico
City; B. J. Griesbach, Houston; P.
M. Triplett, Tulsa, Okla.; J. F. Hunt,
C. A. Waller, William Kissing, R. G.
Mead, Tulsa, Okla.; D. C. Sawyer,
Fort Worth; A. G. Boss, Dallas; A. S.
Gomez, New Orleans, La.; Scott M.
Handley, Sacramento, Cal.; Miss
Effie Sawyer, Miss Opal Sawyer,
Minera; R. H. Jeffrey and wife, Sal-
tillo; Earl A. Reelker, London, Eng.;
I. Hendricks, Corpus Christi; C. G.
Rhodes and wife, Los Angeles, Cal.
agency.

HAMILTON:—J. P. Rossi, Ishtar;
E. H. Bacon, Annapolis, Md.; J. K.
McDowell, Columbus, O.; S. V. Wil-
liams, Catarinas; Jas. D. Eldridge, L.
G. Marsters, Pearsall; C. M. Bertram
and wife, San Antonio; E. Lawriter,
Mrs. C. A. Christensen, Donna; M. A.
Gallardo, San Antonio; Arthur Glover,
E. M. Glover, Clayton, Ala.; Geo. W.
Clyde, Tampico; M. D. Winter, De-
troit; R. H. Johnson, Ranger; John
Carley, So. Dep't. Hdqrs.; Byron M.
Johnson, Matheula, Mex.; Mike
Linsky, Co. K, 37th; M. G. Dellling,
Dolores; S. M. Arriola, Hugh Gillan,
Mexico City; E. E. Lozano, St. Louis,
Missouri.

How to Prevent Croup.

In a child that is subject to attacks
of croup, the first indication of the
disease is hoarseness. Give Chamber-
lain's Cough Remedy as soon as the
child becomes hoarse and the attack
may be warded off and all danger and
anxiety avoided.

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cannot reach the seat of the disease. Cat-
arrh is a blood or constitutional disease,
and in order to cure it you must take in-
ternal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is
taken internally, and acts directly upon
the blood and mucous surface. Hall's
Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It
was prescribed by one of the best phy-
sicians in this country for years and is a
regular prescription. It is composed of
the best tonics known, combined with the
best blood purifiers, acting directly on the
mucous surfaces. The perfect combina-
tion of the two ingredients is what pro-
duces such wonderful results in curing
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Sold by Druggists, price 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Sickly children need WHITE'S
CREAM VERMIFUGE. It is not only
destroys worms, if there be any, but it
acts as a strenuous strengthening
tonic in the stomach and bowels.
Price 25c per bottle, old by all drug-
gists.

THE JANUARY WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION.

The New Year's number of the
Woman's Home Companion is filled
with many interesting and stimulating
articles and stories. Margaret De-
land, the well known author, has writ-
ten an article about the "Three S's,"
which she says are Sacrifice, Substi-
tute, and Save. "Soldier's All," the
Patriotic Department being conducted
by Mrs. Richardson, tells many inter-
esting things and gives many helpful
ideas. The number is especially rich
in fiction. "The Golden Block" by
Sophie Kerr, finishing in this number.
In addition there are stories by Eliza-
beth Jordan, Ruth Sawyer and other
well known authors.

Grace Margaret Gould's Bulletin
Board gives many helpful hints, and
does the rest of her Fashion Depart-
ment. The Pin-Money Club will help
you to earn money, and all the other
useful departments are up to their
monthly high standard, helping to
round out an unusual number.

FRESH AIR GOOD FOR FACE.

Farm and Fireside, the national
farm paper, says:

"It is a mistaken idea that bundling
up to the eyes and covering the face
with thick veils protects the skin in
the winter. The more the face is ex-
posed to the fresh air the better it
will be for the complexion, and there
is nothing more invigorating and
beneficial than a brisk walk during a
snow flurry. Never carry an umbrella
when it is snowing. The best kind of
water to wash your face in is soft rain
water, and as now is only frozen rain
water there is surely no reason why it
should be injurious to the skin.

"Do not wash your face before go-
ing out into the open air, but if
cleansing is necessary, apply cold
cream and rub it well into the pores,
afterward wiping the face with a soft
towel. Cleanse the face with cold
cream and a good massage cream at
least once a week, and apply a lotion
to the face, hands, and lips every
night before retiring. The lips are
more susceptible to cold and chaf-
more easily than any other part of
the face."

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the
United States weather bureau at New
Orleans is furnished The Times by
the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight and Tuesday cloudy; cold-
er.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations
taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24
hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 74 degs.
Min. temp. 56 degs.
General direction of wind: West.
Clear.

MANY LAREDO SOLDIER BOYS COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

They Come From Camp Bowie, Camp
Travis and Fort Sam Houston and
Will Be Here Until December 27.

In addition to the list of Laredo

"Soldier boys" published in The
Times of Saturday as having returned
home to spend Christmas, the follow-
ing have arrived here and are being
shown the glad hand by their many
friends:

Captain Ed. M. Matson, command-
ing Co. B, 141st Infantry, the Laredo
company; First Lieutenant Alden B.
Muller, aide to General Hutchings,
commander of the 71st Infantry Brigade;
Second Lieutenant Leslie L.
Stoner, Battalion Sergeant Major
Dave Clark, First Sergeant Charles
Galbraith, Sergeant George Bigden,
Sergeant Ernesto Vidales, Sergeant
Randall Nye, Sergeant Tom Guernsey,
Sergeant George D. Hatley, Sergeant
Charles C. Munier, Sergeant
Peter P. Leyendecker, Jr., Corporal F.
D. Molina, Corporal Dewey Simpson,
Corporal Julian D. Garcia, Corporal
Luis Benavides, Private Pat Hickey,
Private Roscoe C. Barbanks, Private
Jack Corrae and Private Roy
Hooker.

There were a number of others in
addition to those named, but The
Times was unable to learn their
names. Most of the boys will leave
on December 27.

DIED SATURDAY MORNING; FUNERAL HELD YESTERDAY

Body of Miss Mildred Dryden Taken
to Old Home in Calaveras for Inter-
ment; Accompanied by Relatives.

Miss Mildred Dryden, aged 18 years,
and a member of a well known La-
redo family, died at her home, 2216
Garza street, early Saturday morning
following a long illness.

The remains, accompanied by the
grief-stricken mother, Mrs. Dryden,
and also Ed. Dryden and Miss Helen
Dryden, brother and sister of de-
ceased, were sent on Saturday night's
train to Calaveras, where the funeral
was held yesterday. The family has
the sincere sympathy of their many
friends in the bereavement.

NOTICE OF BANKRUPT SALE.

Frank Pratt, Trustee in the estate
of M. Kaufman, Bankrupt, will sell at
private sale, for cash, ten days after
date, in Laredo, Texas, in accord with
and by virtue of an order of sale, is-
sued by Jno. C. Scott, Referee in
bankruptcy for the Southern District
of Texas, said sale or sales being sub-
ject to the approval of the said Re-
feree, the following property, to-wit:

(1) Stock of goods, classified as
"Gents Furnishing." (2) Store fix-
tures, consisting of a small safe, of
show cases, counters, tables, etc.

Laredo, Webb County, Texas, Dec. 21,
1917.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Those who are afflicted with stom-
ach trouble and constipation should
read the following: "I have never
found anything so good for stomach
trouble and constipation as Cham-
berlain's Tablets. I have used them off
and on now for the past two years.
They not only regulate the action of
the bowels but stimulate the liver and
keep one's body in a healthy condi-
tion," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper,
Auburn, N. Y.

Chicago is giving women mail car-
riers a two weeks' trial during the
holiday rush.

ANARCHY IS THREATENED BY BOLSHIEVIKI IF THEIR PARTY IS OVERTHROWN BY OTHERS

Trotsky Told French Ambassador that If Germany Refused
Peace the Maximalists Might be Led to Revolutionary
Warfare--German Peace Move is Expected
on Christmas Day.

MAIL CENSORSHIP IS WELL UNDER WAY

IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH ALL

FOREIGN MAIL TO BE CENSORED.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The censor-
ship of foreign mails is now in full
swing. The censorship board plans
to carry on the work with as little
interference with legitimate corre-
spondence as possible. The work of
organization was begun November 1
and at the government's request the
newspapers did not publish it at that
time. The board is working in close
relationship with the British and
French censorship.

SPECIAL SERVICE IN GOTHAM CHURCHES.

New York, Dec. 24.—A noticeable
feature of the Christmas celebration
in New York will be the unusually
large number and specially elaborate
services in the churches. Beginning
with midnight passes in a number of
Catholic churches tonight, and follow-
ed by a solemn high mass in St.
Patrick's Cathedral tomorrow morn-
ing, special Christmas services will
be held not only in every Roman
Catholic church in the metropolis but
in the churches of practically all
other denominations, at which pray-
ers will be said for a speedy termina-
tion of the war.

COMMANDS THE RAINBOW DIVISION.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Only
recently has the fact been public that
the commander of the famous Rain-
bow Division, made up of soldiers
from every State of the Union, is
Major General William A. Mann, late
chief of the Bureau of Militia Affairs.
As head of the Militia Bureau General
Mann has been succeeded by Brig.
Gen. Jesse McCl Carter.

General Mann is a Pennsylvanian
who has had a long and varied mil-
itary career, beginning with his gra-
duation from West Point in 1875. From
the time he left the military academy
until 1898 he served almost contin-
uously on the frontier in Montana,
Wyoming and the Dakotas, including
participation in the Pine Ridge cam-
paign against the Sioux Indians.

In the Spanish war he was with the
Fifth Army Corps in Cuba, taking part
in the battle of El Caney and in the
trench fighting before Santiago. Sub-
sequently he was sent to the Philip-
pines, where he participated in the
operations against the Luzon insur-
gents, and acted as adjutant general
of the Viscayan military district and
of the first separate brigade of the
Eighth Corps.

Serving as inspector general, super-
visor of internal revenue, and ad-
jutant of the Seventeenth Infantry, he
was promoted to be major in 1904 and
served at various forts in the United
States until 1913, when he was placed
on the General Staff.

He was assistant to the chief of
staff of the American Army Expedi-
tion to Cuba and chief of staff of the
army of Cuban pacification until May,
1917, when he became lieutenant col-
onel of the Sixth Infantry. He be-
came colonel of infantry in 1911 and
brigadier general in 1915. He was as-
signed to the General Staff Corps and
in 1916 was appointed to succeed
Major General Mills as chief of the
Militia Bureau. In this position Gen-
eral Mann had charge of all the pre-
parations for molding the National
Guard into shape for participation in
the present war. When war was
actually declared he was one of the
first officers selected by the President
for promotion to the rank of major
general of the new National Army.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This is not only one of the best and
most efficient medicines for coughs,
colds and croup, but is also pleasant
and safe to take which is important
when must be given to children. Many
mothers have given it their unquali-
fied endorsement.

Heartburn is a symptom of indiges-
tion. Take a dose of HERBINE in
such cases. The pain disappears in-
stantly. The bowels operate speedily
and you feel fine, vigorous and cheer-
ful. Price 50c. Sold by all dealers.

By Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Havas Agency
says that Leon Trotsky, the Bolshe-
viki foreign minister, told the French
ambassador at Petrograd that if Ger-
many refused peace the Maximalists
might be led to wage revolutionary
warfare. The dispatch quotes Trotsky
as saying that anarchy would ensue
if the Bolsheviks were overthrown.

Treats With Ukrainians.

London, Dec. 24.—General Attenoff,
military commander in the Petrograd
district, has gone to Kiev to nego-
tiate with the Ukrainians in an effort
to settle the differences between
them and the Bolsheviks.

New German Peace Move.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The report that a
new German peace move is at hand is
supported by apparently reliable re-
ports here. It is said that Emperor
William on Christmas Day will issue
declarations containing peace pro-
posals, but whether explicit condi-
tions of peace may be expected or
merely another maneuver intended to
throw on the allies the responsibility
for the continuance of the war cannot
be ascertained.

Reserves of Victory.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Germany's
newest propaganda, which is viewed
as the forerunner of another offensive
in the west unless the allies accept
the German made peace, "should not
for one moment induce us to slacken
our preparations for war," says Sec-
retary Baker today in the weekly war
review. The secretary says that
Italy's morale may be relied on and
he declares that the American armies
constitute "reserves of victory." He
predicts that the German offensive
will result in only local success at
best.

To Attack Kaledines.

Petrograd, Dec. 24.—A Caucasian
army of 100,000 men is advancing on
the rear of General Kaledines' troops,
the Bolshevik press bureau an-
nounces.

Intense Aerial Activity.

Paris, Dec. 24.—Intense aerial ac-
tivity is reported by the war office.
In the course of 100 aerial combats
during the last few days, the French
brought down 18 German machines.

German Raids Repulsed.

London, Dec. 24.—The Germans at-
tempted two raids yesterday on the
Cambrai front, but were repulsed by
the British.

Drove Back the Enemy.

Rome, Dec. 24.—Enemy forces
which have crossed the Piave at
Piave-Vescia have been driven back
over the river, the war office an-
nounces. On the mountain front, the
statement says, Austro-G

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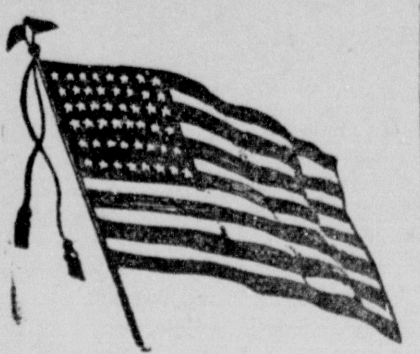
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From Monday's Daily.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Contrary to the opinion of many, tomorrow will be indeed a Merry Christmas, despite the fact that so many of our men are across the water preparing for deadly, combat, or in our training camps getting ready to go.

In spite of wars or calamities, there is always something about Christmas which appeals to the festive spirit in everybody. Those who mourn lay aside their mourning for long enough to wish joy to their neighbors, and those who in other days were never known to smile are seen to wrinkle their faces with what is meant for an expression of gladness.

Behind all the sorrow, the despair, the heartbreak, there is the spirit of the children, and happily for the rest of the world the children are so constituted that they cannot long remain cheerless. It is the children's feast, to commemorate the coming of the Christ Child, and we learn that the injunction to become as little children before we can enter the kingdom is not without its meaning.

There is irony in the thought that while the nations of the world are celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace, their armies are battling over frozen fields in His name. There is not even a respite of a day in which to celebrate the Saviour's birth, for one party to the war believes in taking advantage of every weakness of his enemy, and as such he considers a Christmas truce, which gives him time to bring up his forces and surprise the worshippers.

Many another Christmas bring us peace! May we never again be forced to use our arms against an enemy of mankind and of humanity! May those who are near and dear to us return in safety! These will be the prayers of all who are celebrating this Christmas season, with less of outward gaiety but a truer conception of the real inwardness of the feast.

The Times wishes its readers a Merry Christmas. It wishes that they may realize the value of the sacrifices they have made for the world's peace. It wishes them resignation to the will of the Master should some of their loved ones not return, and the joy of knowing that they have laid a precious gift on the altar, one fit for the Master's use.

We wish above all a Merry Christmas for the children, who are still too young to appreciate the awfulness of the great war and the terrible loss which has come to many of the older folk. May they enjoy their festive while they can, and may the coming year bring them no such sorrow as has come to their elders.

We wish a Merry Christmas for the little children of France and Belgium, now immeasurably nearer to peace than they have been for four years. May they live to forget the horrors through which they have passed and may the people of all the world learn to be tender of the orphans and the widows and help them in their struggle with bitter poverty.

We wish a Merry Christmas for the German people. Not the sort that their rulers have wished them, with its gloating over the horrors of gas and liquid flame and submarine murder, but the Christmas which will bring them to a realization of their criminal complicity in the world's greatest crime since the death on Golgotha.

We wish our soldiers in the field and our sailors in the frozen seas a Merry Christmas one fortified with the remembrance that they are striving

for world peace, and that theirs is the supreme sacrifice, near to that of which the Saviour spoke: "Greater love hath no man than this, that he give his life for his friend."

We wish the world a Merry Christmas, one filled with the peace which passeth all understanding, the peace which no future madness of kingly ambition shall be able to destroy, the peace which comes from a victory won over the forces of sin and death.

May all our Christmas Days of the future be happier than this one, and bring us to a realization of the fact that the real ruler of the world has peace inscribed on His kingly banner, not hatred and enmity.

A QUESTION OF RELIGION.

A complaint is made that Carranza is carrying out in all its force a persecution of the Catholics in Mexico, while at the same he is alleged to be granting all possible guarantees to the Protestants. A local newspaper says:

"He is expelling all the foreigners (priests and nuns), depriving the nationals of all their civil rights, and while to the Protestant foreigners—who include almost all—he gives all sorts of guarantees, and to the nationals who are really servants of the foreigners, he is giving the best municipal positions, positions in the chambers, the state governments, the administration of public instruction and even in the cabinet as ministers, for at all cost Carranza desires to de-Catholicize Mexico and Protestantize it."

There is some basis for the charges insofar as the persecution of the foreign Catholic priests is concerned, for it is a well-known fact that many of them have been deported, and that the native Catholic priests in Mexico have been mistreated in many ways.

Much of the mistreatment occurred in the days when the soldiers of one party or the other overran the inhabited parts of the republic, and made war booty of the altar accessories, the jewels and the other rich possessions of the church, under the perverted notion that all that belonged to the church belonged to the people and—"we are the people."

Of late it has been the fashion in Mexico to despoil anyone who has anything in Mexico, and from the highest to the lowest the robbery of private property has been conducted on a scale hitherto unknown even in a country torn by civil war.

One reason why the Catholic churches were first attacked was that the common people have had an exaggerated notion of the riches contained in the churches and the convents. And to some of the rude and ignorant soldiers the sparkling gems and the gold and silver altar vessels offered an irresistible temptation.

The Protestant churches have escaped pillage mainly because they were too poor to rob. They have no embroidered vestments, no glittering images of the saints, no gold and silver chalices and patens. They have in many cases not even an altar.

But the rage of the present party in power was not only directed against the Catholic church, but against all religion. They boast that they are "liberal," "progressive," and what not. They profess to believe in nothing and fear nothing that is not material. They declare their contempt of outward forms, and they boast of their atheism.

The lower classes have always had envy of those who are possessed of anything, and when they figure it out among themselves they argue: "We gave all that the church has, and therefore the church's possessions are ours by right."

But no government can stand for long which shows a contempt or a hatred for any religious belief. The French revolution began by decapitating the priests and destroying the ancient churches. But there came a day when the French people repented in sackcloth and ashes, walking in penitential procession to the very churches they affected to hold in contempt.

The later atheism which prevailed to a great extent in modern France before the war has given way to a faith that is growing steadily every day. At every cross roads there is a wayside shrine, and the soldier no longer feels that it is unmanly to pay his devotions there.

The period of unrest in Mexico is certain to pass, and there may again come a day when the people will purify themselves of their unbelief and at least recognize the existence of a God and the necessity of a religion.

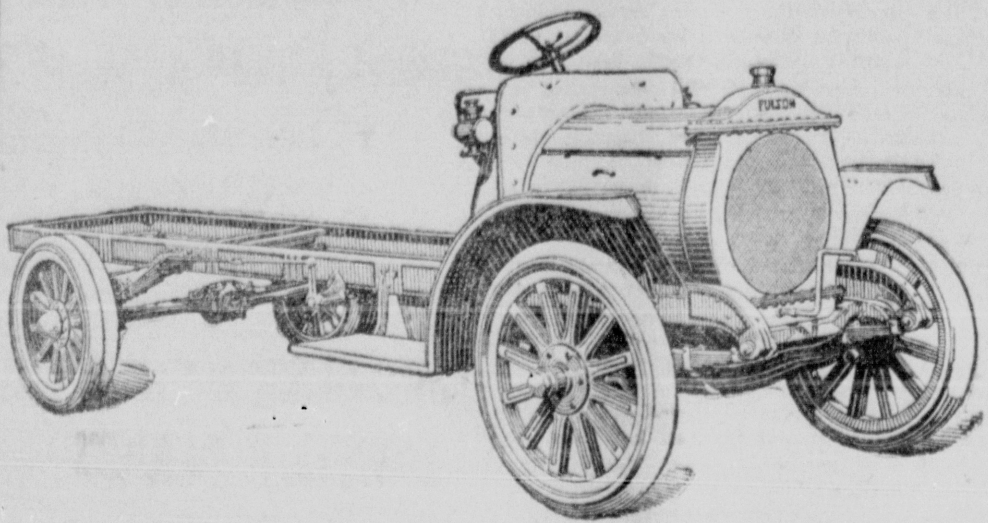
Mexico may become Protestant, but it will not be by the will of any ruler, any more than any ruler today could make of his nation a Catholic or a Jewish or a heathen nation. Faith is in the hearts of the people, and the surest way to bolster up a weakening faith is to attack it.

Trotsky was ready to accept the German kaiser's terms and then "rise with the German people against German militarism." But he probably talked too much, and now not even the kaiser will treat with him.

The sentencing of four or five conspirators to long terms and heavy fines will tend to discourage the practice, if anything can. But it should be remembered that there is no one so bullheaded as a German spy—until he is caught. Then he is all meekness and humility.

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NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS TODAY.

DECEMBER 24.

Harry E. Brittain, who has been the moving spirit in the foundation of the club for American officers in London, was born 44 years ago today. Mr. Brittain is also the chairman and one of the founders of the Pilgrims' Club, the chief Anglo-American society in England. He is a man of striking characteristics, great energy and tact, and has a wide knowledge of the British empire and also of the press. It was in 1902 that he and Lori Roberts, together with several Americans, founded Pilgrims' Club. He was associated with Sir Arthur Pearson in the foundation of the Tariff Reform League, and later served on Lord Roberts' campaign committee in connection with national service. At the time of the formation of the new Government, Mr. Lloyd George appointed him director of intelligence of the National Service Department. The first Imperial Press Conference, which was held in 1909, was originated and organized by him, and its great success called forth many high tributes as to his remarkable gifts. At the beginning of the present war Mr. Brittain was chosen by the Canadians and the Australians, in London, to serve as a member of their war contingent committee.

AFTER THREE YEARS.

Laredo Testimony Remains Unshaken.

Time is the best test of truth. Here is a Laredo story that has stood the test of time. It is a story with a point which will come straight home to many of us.

Frank Camille, prop. cigar factory, 1919 Hidalgo St., says: "The passages of the kidney secretions were too frequent and I had pains in my back when I stopped over. Finally I used Doan's Kidney Pills and the pains in my back stopped and my kidneys became normal."

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RAVEN JOINS BRITISH NAVY



This raven joined up with the British naval forces in the Mediterranean, and is now an especial pet aboard one of the cruisers. Sailors the world over are very fond of mascots, and all ways have them aboard ship if they can.

Gas in the stomach comes from food which has fermented. Get rid of this badly digested food as quickly as possible or you would avoid a bilious attack. HERBINE is the remedy you need. It cleanses and strengthens the stomach, liver and bowels and restores energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

DECEMBER 24.

1745—Benjamin Rush, physician-general of the American army in the Revolution, born at Byberry, Pa. Died Philadelphia, April 19, 1813.
1795—William E. Woodruff, founder of the Arkansas Gazette, born near Belpoit, N. Y. Died at Little Rock, June 19, 1885.
1809—"Kit" Carson, famous scout, trapper and guide, born in Madison county, Ky. Died at Fort Lyon, Colo., May 23, 1868.
1851—A fire in the national capitol destroyed a large part of the library of Congress.
1863—William Makepeace Thackeray, famous novelist, died in London. Born in India, July 18, 1811.
1864—Fort Fisher, N. C., was bombarded by the Federals.
1891—Fourteen lives lost in a collision on the Hudson River Railroad at Hastings, N. Y.
1895—The Cuban insurgents under Gomez were severely defeated by Gen. Campos at Coliseo.
1901—The Marquis de Sade, eminent Japanese statesman, arrived in England.
THE WAR:
1914—British airmen bombed German airship sheds in Brussels.
1915—French liner Ville de la Ciotat sunk in Mediterranean by Austrian submarine.
1916—French senate voted unanimously that France could not make peace while enemy occupied French territory.

After three days of pedaling in the six day grind in New York several of the ancients who invented bicycle racing discovered they are not as young as they used to be.

NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale, issued by Jno. C. Scott, Referee in Bankruptcy, in the District Court of the United States, for the Southern District of Texas, I, trustee in the Matter of Samuel Alonzo Yates, Bankrupt, will sell for cash, subject to Referee's approval, the following described property at the highest obtainable price:

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DARIO SANCHEZ, Trustee of the Samuel Alonzo Yates Estate, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, Dec. 13, 1917.

12-14-10t.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

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C. M. FISH,
Traffic Mgr.

LITTLE LOCALS

—Yesterday on his San Roque ranch near Encinal, County Clerk Ambrosio Rodriguez was host to about forty of his friends at a big barbecue. The members of the party left Laredo early in the morning, had breakfast at the ranch and at noon enjoyed the barbecued meat. Games of various kinds were played during the day and the barbecuers returned to their homes here in the evening.

—Cut flowers and plants for Christmas and the holidays. Edward Green, Florist, Ave. C at 8th St., San Antonio. 12-24-tf.

—Used Car Bargains—Studebaker, Dodge, Hupmobile, Ford—all first-class condition. RIO GRANDE BUICK COMPANY. 12-19-6t.

—For board and rooms, home cooking, see Rom Horner. Phone 210. 12-20-4t.

—All the schools of the city, both public and private, are closed for the holidays and will not resume their sessions until Wednesday, January 2, 1918. Many of the teachers have gone to their old homes to spend the holidays with their relatives.

—Our Bakery will be closed all day Christmas. Borchers. 12-21-3t.

—Nabob tires, 6,000-mile guarantee, two extra layers of canvas, extra layer of rubber, all hand made. Citizens' Auto Co. 12-18-6t.

—Tomorrow is Christmas, known as the most glad some day of the year. But to some Christmas brings sad memories, for there are vacant chairs this year that were occupied last year by loved ones. But if everybody had supreme joy on Christmas day it would be too monotonous, for the world would then be all onesided.

—Before you buy your toys see R. Flores and Brother. 12-10-1-15.

—Air compressors; let your engine pump your tires. Made especially for Dodge cars. Put on in one minute. Let us show them to you. Citizens Auto Co., corner Houston and Santa Maria. 12-18-6t.

—"Give me Christmas," will be the feeble plaint which many Laredo people will hear tomorrow morning when some little waif will appear at the door garbed in tattered raiment and extend its hands for alms. Give them something if you can and send them away with a smile, and then you will have manifested the real Christmas spirit. Don't be selfish or unsympathetic on Christmas day.

—Yarns and knitting needles, Miss M. Sallee. 11-23-1m.

—For pure and healthful soda waters, all flavors, phone Frank Barthelew, No. 48. 9-15-tf.

—City Garage, tel. 515. Jitney cars. Vulcanizing. Work guaranteed. 8-11-tf.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Cipriano Velasquez and Mrs. Carmen Vargas, Eusebio Gonzales and Miss Rosa Gomez. —See our beautiful line of seat covers for Dodge cars. Citizens Auto Co. 12-18-6t.

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—Texas Real Estate & Abstract Co. 1012 Farragut street. Phone 1051. Abstracts of property in Laredo and lands of Webb county. 7-19-tf.

—The importations through this port this morning from Mexico consisted of ten carloads of litle, two carloads of cotton seed cake, eight carloads of lead and seven carloads of calamine.

—Citizens Auto Co., dealer in Dodge and Premier cars. An absolutely complete line of parts carried in stock here. Anything you need waiting for you. You don't have to wait for it. 12-18-6t.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-tf.

—J. W. Falvella received advices today of the death in Los Angeles, Calif., on last Friday of his uncle, Thomas W. McCarty. Deceased was a brother of Mr. Falvella's mother and J. W. McCarty of Corpus Christi.

—The Belmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 576 or 1017. 6-20-tf.

—What could be nicer and a source of greater pleasure and health than a Dodge car? Give your wife, mother or sister one for Christmas. See them on display. Citizens Auto Co., corner Houston and Santa Maria. 12-18-6t.

—Mrs. L. W. Uzzell received the sad news yesterday announcing the death in Corpus Christi on Saturday morning of her granddaughter, Mrs. Carrie Heidelberg, daughter of A. W. Reeves. Besides her husband, deceased is survived by her father and mother, and grandmother, Mrs. Uzzell, and all have the sympathy of their many Laredo friends.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-tf.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-tf

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

CHRISTMAS RECIPROCITY IS MANIFESTED IN LAREDO

Folks Back Home Remember Their Soldier Boys, and in Turn Boys in Khaki Remember Folks at Home.

Today has been a very busy day for the postoffice and express company, both for the forces working in the offices and those who make deliveries of packages arriving on the incoming trains. This morning the mail carriers in a way simulated Santa Claus with packages piled high in their arms and suspended on their backs, while the express wagons have been kept on the go from early morning delivering Christmas packages.

In the postoffice the clerical force have their hands full handing out Christmas packages which have arrived, while the windows where parcels post and registered mail are received have had a throng of people before each window throughout the day, these being belated ones sending out Christmas packages. This rush, however, has been in progress the past three or four days.

One noticeable and very much appreciated feature of the receipt of so many Christmas packages is the fact that the soldier boys are not forgotten, for many a khaki-clad young man is to be seen leaving the postoffice with a broad smile on his features and carrying a package under his arm—a Christmas remembrance from the dear ones at home. At this time in the crucial history of the country the soldier is deserving of all that he gets, and it is a poor mother, father, sister, wife or sweetheart, indeed, who would forget her "soldier boy" at Christmastime. And, on the other hand, the soldier boys have not forgotten their mothers, fathers, wives, brothers, sisters or "the girl he left behind," for the amount of packages sent out by the members of the military stationed in Laredo at this time is the heaviest ever experienced here.

Attention!

Sir Knights of Malta Commandery No. 32, K. T. You will assemble in the Asylum at 10:30 o'clock, Tuesday Morning, Dec. 25th, for Christmas Observance. Sojourning Sir Knights are cordially invited to participate with us.

By order of the Commander,
W. H. MIMS, Recorder. 12-22-2t.

SEARCHING FOR RELATIVES OF LATE SAMUEL T. LAWYER

Anyone Know of Whereabouts of Any Relatives of Deceased Requested to Write to Mrs. O. L. Yeager.

The Times is in receipt of a letter from Douglas, Arizona, asking for assistance in locating relatives of one Samuel T. Lawyer, who died in Douglas on Sunday, December 16.

Relatives or acquaintances of deceased are requested to at once communicate with Mrs. C. L. Yeager, 348 Eighth Street, Douglas, Arizona. It is very necessary to locate relatives at once, states the letter. Acquaintances can also furnish the addresses of relatives.

Notice Boy Scouts.

All Boy Scouts of Troop No. 2 are requested to report in uniform at the home of Dr. Hall at 7 o'clock prompt Christmas evening.

HENRY G. SATTERLEE, Scoutmaster.

MAN WAS STABBED TO DEATH AFTER STRUCK ON THE HEAD

Man Who Wielded Murderous Dagger Made His Escape, But Another Man Who Was in the Fight is in Jail.

A horrible tragedy was perpetrated at Dolores, this county, yesterday forenoon at about 11 o'clock when Pablo Morales was fatally stabbed by a man named Felix Castillo, who, after committing his dastardly deed, succeeded in making his escape to the Mexican side of the Rio Grande and evading the strong hand of the law. But one man involved in the affray that led to the death of Morales, and who was arrested at Dolores by Constable Eduardo Herrera and brought to Laredo and placed in the county jail, is Gregorio Carrisales, who was engaged in a fight with Castillo and Morales when the latter was stabbed to death.

Castillo and Carrisales were engaged in a fight with Morales yesterday morning at Dolores, when Carrisales struck Morales over the head with a stick, and while Morales was in a dazed condition from the blow Castillo stabbed him with a dagger, producing almost instant death. Castillo made a dash for the Rio Grande and succeeded in getting away, while Carrisales was apprehended by Constable Herrera. All three men involved in the fight were coal miners employed at the coal mines at Dolores, and all were married and have families.

Masonic Notice.

Stated meeting of Laredo Lodge No. 547 A. F. & A. M. tonight at 8 p. m. All visiting brethren invited to attend.

J. L. DANNELEY, W. M.

BELL-ANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. Druggists refund money if it fails. 25c

NOTABLE BIRTHDAY TODAY.

DECEMBER 26

Governor William D. Stephens of California, who appears to have aroused the animosity of a small disloyal element by his vigorous advocacy and enforcement of measures for the successful prosecution of the war, was born at Eaton, Ohio, 58 years ago today. Governor Stephens has long been known as a progressive public man of the best type that the Pacific Coast has produced. Teacher, lawyer, business man, political reformer and lawmaker, he has had a varied and informing career. He first made his mark in his home city of Los Angeles as a champion, while in the school board, of policies of education that have given the city national eminence since they were carried out. Then he became mayor, and then a member of various commissions appointed to deal with important municipal problems. In Congress from 1903 to 1917, he made a creditable record as champion of progressive tendencies in government, not the least of which is reformation of the system of land taxation. In 1916 Mr. Stephens was elected lieutenant-governor of California and a few months later he automatically succeeded to the governorship on the resignation of Hiram Johnson.

PERSONALS

Dr. W. M. Clune of Dolores spent yesterday in the city. Arthur E. Derby of Monterey arrived in the city last night and is stopping at the Hamilton. R. W. Belden left Monday to spend Christmas with relatives in San Antonio. F. S. Donaghy returned today from San Antonio where he spent Christmas with his parents. BENDER:—W. B. Lawson, Mexico City; R. D. Azcaraga, Monterey; Dr. W. M. Clune, Dolores; M. Ginsky, U. S. A.; Randolph Robertson, J. S. Prago, R. C. Rhodes and wife, Los Angeles, Cal.; H. T. Hybarger, Houston; J. R. Kreykenbohm, Mexico City; H. S. Forster, England; Dr. Joe S. Wooten, A. J. Eilers, R. M. Thomson, Greenwood Wooten, Austin; J. de la Garza, Monterey; J. S. Alinas, Mexico City.

A New Departure.

The Economy Grocery Store desires to announce to its many patrons that, beginning New Year's Day, there will be no more soliciting of orders. This is in the interest of economy, which is our watchword, and will be of value to all our patrons. Any orders that may be telephoned should reach us before 10 o'clock in the morning, and will receive prompt attention. By cutting out this unnecessary expense we shall be able to reduce the price of our goods. ECONOMY GROCERY STORE, 12-26-St.

Christmas Program at Methodist Church.

The Sunday School of the First Methodist Church will give a beautiful Christmas program tonight, entitled "Jesus' Birthday, and His Gifts." The offering will be for the Orphans Home. You will enjoy the program, and find a welcome. WALTER L. BARR, Pastor.

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Trustee of the Samuel Alonzo Yates Estate, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, Dec. 13, 1917.

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SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt Editor Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Wednesday.
The Nopales Camp Fire Girls will meet with Mrs. J. A. Burnett at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.
The Christian Endeavor Training for service class will meet at the Christian church in the evening.
Thursday.
The Heights Red Cross Knitting Circle will meet with Mrs. T. A. Bunn at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.
The Busy Bees will have their Christmas Tree in the afternoon at the home of Misses Lois and Dorothy Derby.
Married Ladies Dancing Club will have their Christmas Dance, at 8:30 in the evening at Elgs Hall.

Dare to do right! Dare to be true! You have a work that no other can do;
Do it so bravely, so kindly, so well, Angels will hasten the story to tell.
Dare to do right! Dare to be true! Other men's failures can never save you.
Stand by your conscience, your honor, your faith;
Stand like a hero and battle till death.

Dare to do right! Dare to be true! God, who created you, cares for you, too!
Treasures the tears that His striving ones shed,
Counts and protects every hair of your head.

Dare to do right! Dare to be true! Can not Omnipotence carry you through?
City and mansion and throne all in sight,
Can you not dare to be true and do right?

Dare to do right! Dare to be true! Keep the great judgment seat always in view;
Look at your work as you'll look at it then,
Scanned by Jehovah and angels and men.

Dare to do right! Dare to be true! Prayfully, lovingly, firmly pursue The path by apostles and martyrs once trod,
The path of the just, to the city of God.

—George Lansing Taylor.

General Mention.

Mr. Charlie Pierce has arrived from Tampico, Mexico, to spend the holidays with his mother.

Lieutenant R. C. Winters of the 61st Infantry, stationed at Charlotte, North Carolina, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Macklin for the holidays.

The many friends of Dr. J. T. Halsell will be pleased to learn that he has received his Majority.

Mrs. D. F. Anderson left last night for Kingsville, to visit Mr. Anderson and will remain until New Year's.

Mr. R. L. Bobbitt of Camp Travis is spending the holidays in the city.

Edward Brewster will leave for Camp Bowie on December 29th after spending the holidays with his father.

Captain and Mrs. A. B. Muller are in the city, the guests of their mother, Mrs. Ida Muller.

Announcements.

The Red Cross Surgical Room will be open on Thursday afternoon at 2:30, with Mrs. H. G. Earnest and Mrs. H. Hamlin.

The Children's Party and Dance will be given on Saturday afternoon and evening for the benefit of the Red Cross. As this is a part of the Red Cross drive it is to be hoped that there will be a good attendance.

Entertainments.

The officers and ladies of Fort McIntosh entertained on Monday evening with a most delightful dance. The hall was beautifully decorated in flags, poinsettia and mistletoe. A splendid program of popular dance music was played by the 37th Infantry Band, and delicious refreshments were served during the evening. Among those present were: Misses Zora Mowry, Alice Denike, Marguerite Nelson, Whitley, Una Young of Brownsville, Kathryn MacGregor, Mesdames Wheeler, Wilson, Easley, Edmunds, Dwan, Myers, Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Shales, Col. Ferguson, Captains Harris, Bassett, Horn, Schaffter, McCleary, Myers, Rinearson, Dwan, Lieutenants Finch, Murray, Colburn, Keyhoe, Shaw, Keller, Johnston and Zupan.

Among the many of the delightful entertainments which have been given during the past several days was the tangle-supper given Monday

evening in compliment to Mr. Carlos Richter, by the employees in Richter's store. It was in the nature of a surprise which made the affair doubly delightful. At the close of the evening the supper was served from two long tables which were placed in the store. These were beautifully decorated in the Christmas colors and cut flowers. Miss Edna Wright made a short address during the time, and Mr. Richter responded with a few words that touched the heart of each and every one present. There were about one hundred and twenty-five who enjoyed the pleasure of the occasion.

The dinner dance given last evening at the Hotel Hamilton was a delightful affair. The dining room was gay with the Christmas colors which were used throughout the decorative scheme. A beautifully ornamented Christmas tree occupied the center of the room with a gift for every one.

During the evening Santa Claus arrived with a huge sack of snowballs on his back, and in entering slipped and fell, spilling the contents of his sack on the floor. There was a merry scramble, and a snowball fight was enjoyed. A delicious six-course dinner was served, and among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Cohn, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moser, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wormser, Misses Inez and Lalla Rookh Hill, Messrs. A. Moser and Ifield; Misses Margaret MacGregor, Marguerite Nelson, Alice Denike, Lieutenant Murray and Captain Captain and Mrs. Dwan, Captain and Mrs. A. B. Muller, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Muller and Mr. Jim Gray; Miss Carroll; Messrs. Henry Crumpler and Will Sammes; Miss Kathryn MacGregor and Lieutenant Keller; Mr. and Mrs. Elder, Mr. and Mrs. Cox; Miss Baker, Miss Dorothy Stoner, Captain Horn, Captain Elwood, and Lieutenant Wood; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Foster; Miss Olivelette Landrum, Miss Gladys O'Brien, Mr. Leo Elstetter and others. Villar's orchestra played throughout the evening.

Notice to Tax-payers.

My office in the City Hall is now open for the collection of City taxes for the year 1917. Hours:—9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.
D. C. de LACHICA,
City Tax Collector,
12-4-lm.

Masonic Notice.

Called meeting of Laredo Lodge No. 547, A. F. & A. M., tonight at 7 p. m. Work in E. A. degree. All visiting brethren invited to attend.
J. L. DANNELEY, W. M.

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TO WORK IN EARNEST.

As soon as the holiday leave of absence is over, the soldiers in camp at San Antonio and Fort Worth, as well as those at Houston, Waco and other places, will begin to work again in preparation for their trip across seas, and it is believed, although not authoritatively stated, that their departure will not be much longer delayed.

From the reports of the Laredo men who are here on furlough, they have never worked so strenuously in their lives, and as one of them said concerning the new course which is expected to be even more strenuous, "Believe me, it will have to go some!"

There has been considerable sickness in the guard camp at Camp Bowie, but none of it can be traced to the work. In fact, those who were doing least of the muscular labor were among the first to succumb to the various complaints which filled the hospitals.

The climate, while more severe than any of our Laredo men had heretofore experienced, was salubrious. The diseases were not traceable to exposure or to cold, but were the result of different causes.

With no exception, the Laredo men seem to have gained in weight and muscle, and they are "as hard as nails," to use the common expression. They all speak in high terms of the food they get, both of its raw material quality and the way in which it is cooked.

They have plenty of covers at night, and they are needed, for the temperature has once or twice gone down to zero, and they have had freezing weather for most of the time of late. They are well supplied with clothing and equipment, but there are only a few who have rifles, and the most of them are drilling with all sorts of substitutes.

Captain Matson, as well as other officers, speak highly of the morale and the discipline of the Laredo men, and it is a tribute to their health to know that but one of them has succumbed to disease.

When the Texas boys go over seas they will be found among the best of the guardsmen and those of the Laredo boys who had seen frontier service are fully equal to the regulars in their ability to care for themselves, as well as to do their military duty, and they are the equals in discipline and morale of any guardsmen in the entire country.

It is pleasing to the home folks to know that their boys measure up so well when compared with the others. Some of the men called under the selective draft already show the difference in their walk and their erectness of carriage, as well as in their bronzed features and their look of perfect health.

Secretary Baker says the American armies may be looked upon as "reserves of victory," and certain it is that our men are not looking at the war in any other light. They feel that whatever the British and French have done in the past is to be equalled, if not excelled, by the American troops when once they face the foe.

The calm determination to win will count for much, and when added to that we have our vast resources of men, money and supplies, it is easy to predict the final victory.

The large number of British and French officers who are engaged in telling our men just what actual warfare is in the present conflict are not too sanguine about the end of the war—that is, as to its prompt conclusion. They feel that there is much yet to do and they are not at all certain that the war will be ended within a year.

But they have not the slightest doubts as to the final outcome, and they feel all the more confident since they have come in contact with our men. Previously the only Americans whom many of them have known were of the tourist class, and when they look into the calm yet determined faces of our officers and men, and note their quickness in grasping the details of modern war methods, they become enthusiastic.

And our men will not lose by the comparison with the troops from other parts of the world when once in actual combat. The nearest to them in nerve and dash are the Canadians, and everyone knows what the European's opinion of the Canadian is now.

Kaiser Wilhelm is to make another peace move. If he isn't careful it will get to be chronic, and then what will the junkers think of him?

The German peace moves are not at all like the former conception of what they should be. One doesn't expect a man to pack a horseshoe in his mitt when he is looking for an end to the difficulty.

Lame back may come from overwork, cold settled in the muscles of the back, or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part, the relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Heartburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of HERBINE in such cases. The pain disappears instantly. The bowels operate speedily and you feel fine, vigorous and cheerful. Price 50c. Sold by all dealers.

BRENNHAM CITIZENS FLOGGED FARMERS WHO REFUSED TO JOIN THE RED CROSS

In Broad Daylight and Without Masks, the Citizens Took Farmers, Who were of German Descent, from Their Wagons and Whipped Them Until the Farmers Reconsidered and Became Members

U. S. SOLDIERS FIGHT MEXICAN BANDITS

GANG WHICH ROBBED TEXAS RANCH AND KILLED AMERICAN BEING ROUNDED UP.

By Associated Press.

Marfa, Texas, Dec. 26.—Fighting is believed to be in progress today between Rito Rock and the river, 20 miles southwest of here, between United States troops and Mexican bandits who looted the Brito store and ranch at Candalaria yesterday.

Have Bandits Surrounded.

Marfa, Texas, Dec. 26.—American troops today are guarding all outlets to the Van Horn canyon, where 100 bandits are located who raided the postoffice and general store Christmas Day at Brito ranch, 27 miles from here, killing Michael Walsh, a stage driver, and his two Mexican passengers, wounding Sam Neill, foreman of the ranch, and carrying away loot estimated at \$7,000.

EXPLORER HEARD FROM.

By Associated Press.

Ottawa, Canada, Dec. 26.—Vilhjalmur Stefanson, the arctic explorer, last heard from in a letter received in March, 1916, has arrived with his party at Fort Yukon, according to word received by the naval department.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE MOON.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Astronomers at the United States Naval Observatory here, like their fellow-scientists in other parts of the country, have their instruments all primed for taking observations of the total eclipse of the moon, which is to take place tomorrow night. It will be the last eclipse of the present year and the second total eclipse of the moon since January 1, which will be observable over practically the entire United States and Canada.

Nearly six hours will elapse between the time the moon enters and the time it leaves shadow tomorrow night. It will be daylight before the eclipse as viewed in the eastern part of the country is concluded.

The beginning of the eclipse will be visible generally in North and South America, throughout the Pacific Ocean, and the extreme northeastern portion of Asia. The ending will be observable generally throughout North America, the Pacific Ocean, in eastern Asia, and Australia.

KILLED THE KAISER.

Washington—A Durham, N. C., enthusiast today telegraphed to United States Marine Corps Headquarters:

"Terrier belonging to U. S. Marine kills huge rooster after battle royal in main thoroughfare. Indignant chicken fanciers witness affair and demand dog pay death penalty. Then they learn ill-fated rooster's name was 'Kaiser.' Result: Dog is now pride of Durham."

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:
Tonight fair; rising temperature. Thursday partly cloudy.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:
Max. temp. 58 degs.
Min. temp. 34 degs.
General direction of wind: North. Clear.

Sickly children need WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It is not only destroys worms, if there are any, but it acts as a strenuous strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

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By Associated Press.

Brenham, Texas, Dec. 26.—Six farmers of this community of German descent who refused to join the Red Cross were taken from their wagons and flogged by a committee of prominent Brenham citizens, who acted in daylight and without masks, it became known today. The six farmers reconsidered joining and became members.

Shortage of Clothing.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Aroused by shortage of winter clothing in National Army camps, the senate military affairs committee today in requesting the secretary of war to immediately ascertain the conditions by wire, supply the deficient troops and suspend department routine, if necessary, by direct purchases from sources near the camps.

Received Bomb Threat.

Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 26.—A letter saying that nine bombs had been placed in the executive mansion, the capitol building, the police station and the residence of "two-headed" officers of the state," has been received by Governor Stephens and turned over to the police. The letter demanded that \$5,000 be placed "in a rock pile," presumably near Oakland, Cal., December 31.

Wants 1,000 Bricklayers.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Provost Marshal General Crowder made public today instructions to all governors calling for the mobilization of 1,000 bricklayers urgently needed by General Pershing at once. The bricklayers will be sent to the aviation section of the Signal Corps at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. The bricklayers will be assembled without regard to men in any other occupation.

FOOTBALL STAR TAKES BRIDE.

New York, Dec. 26.—Captain Ellery Huntington, Jr., who is widely known in college athletic circles as the erstwhile All American College quarterback, was married at Garden City, L. I., today to Miss Heator Gordon Gibson. Captain Huntington is now attached to the 307th field artillery at Camp Dix, and during the past season he has served as field leader of the celebrated Camp Dix football team.

FAMOUS HORSES AT AUCTION.

New York, Dec. 26.—Many celebrated show horses are on the list to be sold at an auction sale which will be opened at Durland's Riding Academy tomorrow. The principal consignment will be the Hamilton stable, owned by James Cox Brady, and which includes many horses that were big winners at the recent Madison Square Garden show. The prominence of these horses has led to marked interest in the sale and a number of well known horsemen from various parts of the country are expected to be present.

FARMERS' WEEK AT PENN STATE.

State College, Pa., Dec. 26.—The annual "Farmers' Week," a winter school for farmers and their wives at Pennsylvania State College, was opened today and will be continued through the remainder of the week. A special theme of the week will be co-operation among the farmers for the promotion of food production and conservation. Other wartime topics of particular interests to those engaged in agriculture will receive attention in the addresses and discussions by noted experts.

How to Prevent Croup.

In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.



GREEK CITIZENS TO ENLIST IN U. S. ARMY

GREEK AUTHORITIES WANT ALL GREEKS IN THIS COUNTRY TO ENLIST WITH AMERICANS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Greece wants her citizens in the United States to enlist in the American army. Not only will she suspend the punishments which ordinarily would follow the enlistments of Greeks with a foreign power, but she will reward them for supporting the American army. This is the substance of a note from the Greek government to our state department.

American Steamship Lost.

New York, Dec. 26.—The American steamship Tuscarora, formerly a lake vessel and requisitioned by the United States, together with her entire crew of 35 men, is believed to have been lost at sea somewhere north of Cape Breton Island.

Italian Attacks Repulsed.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Violent counter attacks against Austro-German positions on Col del Rosso and the neighboring heights on both sides were thrown down with heavy losses, says today's German statement.

Unable to Hold Them.

Rome, Dec. 26.—Col del Rosso and Monte Valbella were recaptured yesterday by the Italians, but they were unable to hold them.

Nothing of Interest.

London, Dec. 26.—"There was nothing of special interest to report on the British front in France yesterday," says today's statement.

Stopped German Bombardment.

Paris, Dec. 26.—On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the energetic reply of our batteries put an end to a vigorous bombardment of our lines in the region of Benzonvaux, says today's statement. In the region of St. Quentin and in upper Alsace French patrols penetrated German trenches and brought back prisoners.

Influence is Waning.

London, Dec. 26.—Reports from Petrograd indicate the increased waning of the Bolshevik influence and that defection from the workmen's and soldiers' organization is growing constantly. Among the causes alleged are general lack of authority, increase in drunkenness, reluctance of the population to work and scarcity of foodstuffs. The main desire of the soldiers is said to be for peace.

Christmas Observance.

By order of the Eminent Commander of Malta Commandery, Laredo, the Knights Templar met Christmas Day in their asylum and at 11 o'clock sharp held their Christmas observance, which is an obligatory affair and an occasion on which the widows' and orphans' homes receive financial attention.

Thanks His Friends.

The Rector of Christ Church wishes to take this method of thanking the members of Christ Church and their friends for the many expressions of cheer which reached him, and among those pleasant and practical manifestations was a purse of over \$150.00. Many blessings be deep and many for all during 1918.

CHAS. W. COOK.
Percy Haughton, noted football coach and president of the Boston Braves, says football makes good soldiers. Why not include baseball? Some of the greatest "soldiers" we have ever seen were developed in a big league yard.

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From Thursday's Daily.

THE RAILROAD PROBLEM.

After several months of debate over the various problems connected with the operation of the railroads of the country, President Wilson has finally taken over the roads as the best solution of the vexing problem.

In his announcement the president gave credit to the railway executives for their patriotic zeal in co-operating with the government, but he says "there were difficulties they could neither escape nor neutralize." These difficulties are directly traceable to the officers and members of the "Big Four" brotherhoods, who have done everything in their power to demonstrate to the people, to the president and to their own employers their absolute grasp (of the throat) of the situation.

There are men who could make a profit exhibiting the coffin of their grandmother. There are men who have taken advantage of the scarcity of foodstuffs to bargain with those who were on the verge of starvation. But neither of these two classes can compare in baseness with the railroad men who, while loudly vaunting their loyalty, took the government by the throat in the attempt to add a trifle to their own wages, regardless of how much the rest of the country suffered.

Without actually declaring war against the nation, the railroad men have been busily engaged in cutting down as far as possible the railroad facilities, and they have even gone so far as to threaten a strike when the very life of the nation depended upon trains moving.

They have disorganized the freight traffic as a slight example of what they could do were they to really strike. They have kept coal from those who were in danger of freezing, food from those who faced famine, and all the time they were holding meetings and declaring their loyalty.

For weeks past the railroad men of the country have been playing into the hands of the kaiser, and the worst of it is that many of them are well aware of the fact. All that worries them is: "Where do I come in?" or "What do I get out of it?"

There is not another industry in the entire country which has so hampered the government's work as have the railroad men. Even the ignorant coal miners, made up in many cases of the most ignorant of European laborers, have been willing to give up their demands at the call of the government.

The various labor unions throughout the country are, in the main, composed of loyal American citizens. They are willing to forego their claims for higher wages or shorter hours until the nation has emerged triumphant from its war. They have enlisted for service, even though many of them can only serve in their trades capacity.

But the railroad men have made more claims for exemption from the selective draft than any other class of laborers. They have demanded that their application for higher wages and lesser hours be granted without consideration of the country's needs. They have conceded nothing, and have demanded everything.

The commandeering of the railroads will simplify the problem. It will force the railroad men to either give good and efficient service or get out and make room for those who are willing to prove their loyalty by their acts.

And in wartime the president's powers are so comprehensive that a sneaking idea that they can buck the government may be taken out to face a firing squad, or at least serve a term in some penal institution.

The women of the country are a unit in supporting their government in this crisis. The men of the country have as a rule done what they can to help the army and navy win the war. And now that the railroads are in the hands of the government, there will be less opposition to the proper running of trains than ever before. Any who attempt interference now will be in the category of traitors to the country and will be summarily dealt with, as they should be.

TOOK DRASTIC ACTION.

The Brenham citizens who flogged six farmers because they refused to join the Red Cross had the right motive, but they were a little mixed. The Red Cross does not want any such members, nor does it even want their money. Both are under suspicion of being "tainted," and not even the good work done by the great organization can take away from either the new members (?) or their money the stain of being devoted to the kaiser.

Of course, there is great provocation at the present time for an American—any American—to resent any disloyalty, and it is certainly disloyal for any American citizen, even though he be of German descent, to refuse to lend his aid to the work of caring for our wounded.

What makes the refusal more of an insult is that the relatives and friends of these same farmers of German sympathy may need the devoted care of the Red Cross, and that wounded German soldiers have already been so kindly treated by our Red Cross nurses and physicians on the battle front that they have openly expressed their gratitude.

The people of Texas, as well as of other states, are becoming tired of

the more or less open disloyalty which is shown by many Americans—by brevet, at least—because they heartily sympathize with the German cause.

There have been in all parts of the country acts which visibly demonstrated the resentment which the true American feel against such traitors. Here in Laredo there have been one or two incidents which are best forgotten—provided they do not occur again—which have showed our citizens that there is still an occasional American citizen, or at least a Texas voter, who is friendly disposed toward the kaiser and his side of the question. It is true that from now on there is not likely to be much open expression of that sympathy, but we all feel that it is there.

The Red Cross drive has been taken by some as a test of loyalty, but that is as far as it should go. At least, no one who is in sympathy with the German cause should be allowed to join the Red Cross or even be asked to contribute money toward its work.

The war has already caused animosities which will not be wiped away for many years to come. Those who are notorious in their love of the Vaterland and its works, even to the drowning of little children and the rape and abuse of women, should be strictly ostracized. In future no one who calls himself an American should have anything to do with them in any way or manner.

It is an insult to the devoted women and the loyal men who form the American Red Cross to have such names inscribed on their lists. They cannot but feel the disgrace of being associated in the minds of some who are still lukewarm with open and avowed enemies to our country.

And some of those who fail to realize their high calling as American citizens should be permitted to contribute, much less forced to give, for the Red Cross is supported by voluntary contributions, not by forced levies or taxes.

During the years since the Red Cross was reorganized and incorporated by act of congress, it has expended many millions of dollars, and it is safe to say that every cent of that vast sum came from a willing hand. No one was bulldozed or threatened into giving, and the six dollars which was contributed by the Brenham farmers should be set aside for use in Germany. It is almost like the thirty pieces of silver which Judas cast on the temple floor before he went out and hanged himself.

There has always been in our mind a sort of saving grace about Judas, as much as he has been maligned by others. At least he was decent enough to commit suicide when he realized how low he had become.

Those who are willing to be traitors to this country, given the opportunity and the security of not being found out, are few and far between. And the worst of it is that they still desire to pose as real humans, because they walk on their hind legs instead of on all fours. But some of them are being catalogued, and but for the fear that they would contaminate the other brutes, they might be preserved in a zoo "somewhere in the United States."

The war department has been asked to cut the red tape in order that our soldiers in the various camps may be supplied with necessary winter clothing. This is a good move, and if kept trimmed properly the obnoxious tape will not grow fast enough to be a nuisance until the war is over.

The L. W. W. are still busy in California, having written a blackmailing letter to the governor, demanding \$5,000 on pain of another bomb outrage. Which causes us to wonder where "Big Bill" Haywood is. He was formerly very expert at that game, unless he was greatly belied.

THE JANUARY AMERICAN MAGAZINE.

The January issue of the American Magazine is filled with stirring, helpful articles and entertaining fiction. Harry Lauder, the famous Scotch comedian, has written an article entitled "What the War Has Done to Me," in which he tells of the death of his son in France and the things Mr. Lauder himself heard and saw while visiting that country. Frank Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank, tells in an interview how the bank decides upon raising the salaries of the employees and the things which influence them in giving a raise, and Montague Glass, the famous author of the Potash and Perlmutter plays, writes an article on the Jew and the Gentile which is interesting and entertaining. Other good articles are "New Year Resolutions," "The Comic Side of Trouble," by Bert Williams, and "Chicago," by Jack Laft.

Holworthy Hall has a great fiction story called "Through Clearing." Ida Evans has a real human story to tell, and William Dudley Pelley has another of his great stories, this time dealing with the draft situation. The serial "The Making of George Grotton" continues, and the interesting "People and Family Money" articles are as helpful and inspiring as usual, rounding out a number unusual for its quality.

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EXPERIENCE PROSPERITY AND GREAT ADVANCEMENT

LAREDO MADE RECORD DURING THE YEAR THAT IS CLOSING.

Besides the Acquisition of Many Modern Business Houses and Handsome Homes Population Has Increased.

The close of the year 1917 in Laredo brings to an end one of the most prosperous years ever experienced by this city from the standpoint of advancement and construction work, for during that space of time from January 1 last up to the end of this year Laredo has experienced an up-building that has no equal in previous years. Of the modern and substantial business houses constructed in Laredo during the past year may be mentioned those of Richter's Department Store, the Alexander buildings adjoining the Richter building, the handsome Latin-American Club building, the Kress building, the M. Little building occupied by Forbeck & Sons, the Rio Grande Bank Co. building erected by J. A. Ortiz, three Villareal buildings opposite the Royal, the Citizens Auto Co. building, the Moser building to be occupied by the First State Bank, the Merchants State Bank, the Villegas Natatorium, the rebuilding of the Methodist church and numerous other buildings in various parts of the city including several hundred handsome homes from a small bungalow to a veritable mansion.

The prosperity that has prevailed in this city has likewise caused an increase in the population to a marked extent, bringing into Laredo many new enterprises and with them experienced and modern business men who have come here to cast their lots and make their future homes.

The building boom which began here several years ago continues unabated, and the indications are that the year to come will find Laredo making greater strides than ever before, for within the next few months there will be submitted to the citizens of Laredo the proposition of putting in a sewerage system, this to be decided by a vote of the property owners. The sewerage proposition is the precursor of another greater and much needed improvement here—the paving of the streets. If the sewerage bonds are voted the sewer system will be established as soon as possible thereafter, but sewerage must precede paving, as this work must be done before the street improvement work can be undertaken, as this work will be under the street work and if paving was done first the streets would necessarily have to be torn up and damaged when paving was begun.

The city council and mayor have already had an engineer look over the sewerage question and submit plans and specifications for the proposed work and will soon put the proposition before the qualified voters of the city to decide, and undoubtedly the bond issue will carry by an overwhelming majority. Then the street paving bonds will be voted on.

From present indications there is much prosperity and advancement ahead for Laredo during the year 1918, so let everybody cast aside their pessimistic views and become an optimist for a larger and greater Laredo.

LAREDO BOYS ARE LEAVING TO RESUME THEIR TRAINING

Number of Soldier Boys Who Came From Camps to Spend Christmas at Home Are Now Going Back.

About forty of the Laredo young men who are either in the regular army, former national guard or national army, who came home to spend Christmas with their "folks," are returning to the military camps, most of them going to either Camp Bowie or Camp Travis, where their commands are stationed.

That all the boys enjoyed a most delightful Christmas at home there is no gainsaying, for at this time when they are away training for a grim duty for country and flag, the soldier boy is the idol of not only his own relatives and dear ones, but he is held in the highest regard by every true American; for a man who dons a soldier's uniform now is something more than a symbol of virility—but a man in all that the word implies. Some of the Laredo soldier boys left last night for their camps, while others left at noon today and others go tonight.

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Musterole Loosens Up Those Stiff Joints—Drives Out Pain. You'll know why thousands use Musterole once you experience the glad relief it gives.

Get a jar at once from the nearest drug store. It is a clean, white ointment, made with the oil of mustard. Better than a mustard plaster and does not blister. Brings ease and comfort while it is being rubbed on!

Musterole is recommended by many doctors and nurses. Millions of jars are used annually for bronchitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frost-bitten feet, colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia). 30c and 60c jars; hospital size \$2.50.



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Citizens Auto Company Now in New Building at the Corner of Houston Street and Santa Maria Avenue.

The Citizens Auto Co. have moved into their handsome new building at the corner of Houston street and Santa Maria Avenue, which is one of the most modern and best equipped garage buildings in the south.

Their well appointed display room and repair shop, with large entrances on two sides, with large parking place on the south side of the building, are particularly attractive. The Citizens Auto Co. are distributors for Dodge Brothers and Premier Automobiles and will handle a complete line of parts for these cars, as well as a large stock of automobile accessories.

JAPANESE MINISTER HERE ON HIS WAY TO WASHINGTON

Minister Ohto, Accompanied by Wife and Secretary, Arrived This Morning From Mexico City.

Japanese Minister Ohto, accompanied by his wife and secretary, arrived in Nuevo Laredo last night on the regular train from Mexico City and this morning at about 10 o'clock crossed to this city and took apartments at the Hamilton Hotel for the day.

While the Times reporter was unable to personally interview Minister Ohto, it is understood that he is en route to Washington on business with the Japanese ambassador and will probably leave tonight.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Webb County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Webb, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

Notice of Application For Probate of Will.

The State of Texas,
To all Persons Interested in the Estate of Florencio Guerra deceased, Josefa Flores de Guerra executrix, has filed in the County Court of Webb County, an application for the probate of the Last Will and Testament of said Florencio Guerra deceased and Letter Testamentary which will be heard at the next Term of said Court, commencing the Third Monday in February, A. D. 1918, at the Court House thereof, in the City of Laredo, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application should they desire to do so.

Herein I do Not. But have then and there before said Court this Will, with your return thereon endorsed, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at Laredo, Texas, Dec. 26th, A. D. 1917.

J. A. RODRIGUEZ,
Clerk Co. Court, Webb Co., Texas.

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BODY FOUND IN THE RIVER MAY BE THAT OF CHINAMAN
Nothing on Body to Identify It Except Photo Which Was Badly Deformed in Places by the Water.

Yesterday forenoon while the soldier patrol in the rear of the Texas-Mexican shops on the Rio Grande front was walking along he observed the body of a man in the water near the banks. He pulled the body on to the bank and then telephoned City Marshal Brennan about the discovery. Accompanied by Justice of the Peace Benavides, City Marshal Brennan went to the scene where the body was located and viewed the remains. The dead man wore a blue shirt and pants and in his pants pocket was a purse and a small photo of himself, the latter badly damaged by water. He had been in the river about two days, and while decomposition had not set in, the body was somewhat bloated. Though a number of people viewed the remains no decision could be reached as to his nationality, although it is the belief of many that he was a Chinese or Japanese. The body was interred shortly after being found.

Relatives Highly Pleased.

Mr. Severo Martinez returned yesterday from Camp Bowie near Fort Worth, where he went to visit his brother-in-law, Armengol Guerra, who is one of the Laredo soldier boys and who has been quite ill with pneumonia. Mr. Martinez says that when he left young Guerra was about over his spell and will return to duty within a few days. The many other relatives of Guerra are much pleased with the report Mr. Martinez brought as to how the young man was looked after during his illness. He says that better treatment and care could not have been obtained anywhere.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

"SCUDER" ANSWERED CALL; BREATHED HIS LAST TODAY

Well Known Colored Man of This City Expired From Heart Trouble While Conversing With Friends.

"Scuder is dead!" That is the news which gained rapid circulation at noon today when a well known negro character of this city, Corpus Christi and in fact this entire section of Texas breathed his last in his room near the corner of Hidalgo and Santa Rita street at noon today.

"Scuder," whose right name was Robert Scott, was conversing with Henry Sluder, another negro, when he dropped backward and the soul of old "Scuder" went away into eternity. "Tomorrow The Times will carry a little sketch of 'Scuder,' for his life was a variable one—everything from a preacher to a hotel porter.

Lame back may come from overwork, cold settled in the muscles of the back, or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part, the relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

MANY MORE QUESTIONNAIRES YET REMAIN UNDELIVERED

Registrants Have Changed Addresses and Exemption Board Unable to Get the Blanks to Them.

In addition to the lists previously published, the following questionnaires remain undelivered to the parties named:

Pablo Alvarado, Darwin, Texas.
Silvino Alvares, 209 San Eduardo Ave.
Manuel Balderas, Rosario St.
Clemente Caballero, 1916 San George Ave.
Ezequiel Casiano, Water St.
Mauricio Cantu, Darwin, Texas.
Jesus Collado, 1503 Grant St.
Guadalupe Contreras, Santo Tomas, Texas.
Pablo Flores, Dolores, Texas.
Romulo Flores, Darwin, Texas.
Santos Flores, 1607 Grant St.
Modesto Garcia, Las Tiendas, Tex.
Rodolfo Garcia, 1911 Santa Rita Ave.

Jose Antonio Gonzalez, Las Tiendas, Texas.
Dionicio C. Guardiola, 802 N. Colorado St., San Antonio, Texas.
Antonio Gutierrez, Vidaurri and Sanchez Sts.
Fasolino Hinojosa, Martin Ranch.
Miguel Hinojosa, Martin Ranch.
Angel Jimenez, 409 San Dario Ave.
Jose Jimenez, Santo Tomas, Texas.
Pablo Jimenez, 1912 Juarez Ave.
Abundio Luna, 515 Water St.
Emmitt F. McMurren, 1219 Cortez St.
Emanuel M. Madla, 520 Gonzalez St.
Felix M. Madla, 520 Gonzalez St.
Juan Martinez, 115 San Francisco Ave.
Eulalio Martinez, care of J. Armentgol.
Margarito Martinez, 2009 Hidalgo St.
Faustino Nates, San Rafael Farm.
Estanislado Ortiz, care of Joe Leyendecker Stable.
Carlos Peña, 1216 Santa Ursula Ave.
Onofre Reyes, 113 Santa Ursula Ave.
Refugio Rogha, San Rafael Ranch.
Lucio Rodriguez, Santo Tomas, Texas.
Tomas H. Rodriguez, 508 Sta. Maria Ave.
Luis Rosales, 2020 Victoria St.
Feliciano Saldaña, Darwin, Texas.
Pedro Saldaña, Darwin, Texas.
Carlos Melo Samper, 1008 Salinas Ave.
Guadalupe Silva, 119 Moctezuma St.
Pedro Silva, 1920 San Eduardo Ave.
Ascension Treviño, Dolores, Texas.
Constancio Valdez, 802 Matamoros St.
Felix Villareal, Dolores, Texas.
Francisco Zapata, Water St.
Pedro Zapata, 117 Lincoln St.
Luis L. Zarate, San Ignacio Ave.

CANADA'S SMALLEST SOLDIER



This photograph shows the "littiest boy," or rather the smallest man with the Canadian forces in Europe. His age is fifteen, and he enlisted in November, 1914, at Vancouver. Before the war he was a bugler. He takes his chances with the grown-up soldiers, with one of whom he is seen chatting.

Out of His Ward.

There was an officers' meeting in one of the line regiments. An earnest discussion of military principles was taking place, relates the Boston Herald. Suddenly the door was thrown open and a recruit in civilian clothes appeared.

"Hello, fellers," he greeted them generally. "Say, which one of you is the head guy around here? I've just come to camp."

The officers stared at him in bewilderment. Eventually a major asked gruffly:

"What's your name and where do you come from?"

"My name's Smith and I come from the ninth ward. I guess I'll be going since you're so nasty about it."

They Didn't Forget.

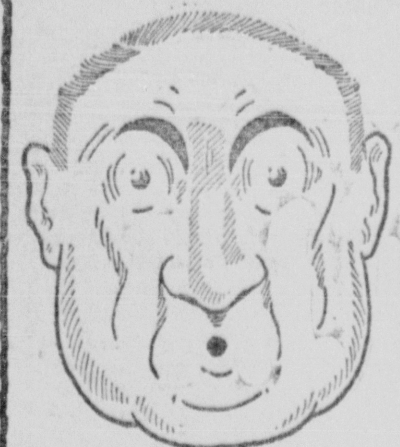
"He's perfectly quiet, ladies," remarked the jobmaster to the two girls who were about to hire a pony and trap, "only you must take care to keep the rein off his tail."

When they returned the jobmaster inquired how they got on.

"Splendidly," they exclaimed. "We had one rather sharp shower, but we took it in turns to hold the umbrella over the horse's tail, so there was no real danger!"—Answers.

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THE EMERGENCY FOOD SURVEY GOES INTO EFFECT

Government Requires All Dealers to Give Complete List of Stock on Hand January 1st, 1918.

The Chief of Markets of the United States Department of Agriculture, as a war measure, requests that all manufacturers and warehouse men of all dealers in all kinds of food stuff, furnish the government a complete list or inventory of all their holdings on January 1st, 1918.

Blank schedules will be furnished by the government, which the dealers, warehouse men and manufacturers will fill out. The evident object of the survey is to ascertain the QUANTITY of each article.

The Bureau of Markets has already sent schedules to all whose addresses were known, but any who may not have received one may get them at any of the following addresses:

Office of Federal Grain Supervision, 511 First National Bank Building, Fort Worth, Texas.

Bureau of Markets, 215A Live Stock Exchange, Fort Worth, Texas.

Bureau of Markets, 501 Moore Building, Tenth and Main Sts., Fort Worth, Texas.

Office of Federal Grain Supervision, 222 Security Building, Galveston, Texas.

In view of the lateness of this request it will be well for the dealers, etc., to make a complete inventory of their stocks on the 1st of January, 1918, and from this they can supply the needed information for the schedules.

If this Association can be of service to any one interested, it is at your command.

Yours for Service, Success and Victory.

LAREDO RETAIL MERCHANTS' NNN
Laredo Retail Merchants Ass'n.,
By A. D. SMITH, Secretary.

MERCHANT'S WIFE ADVICES LAREDO WOMEN.

"I had stomach trouble so had I could eat nothing but toast, fruit and hot water. Everything else soured and formed gas. Dieting did no good. I was miserable until I tried buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ka. ONE SPOONFUL benefited me INSTANTLY." Because Adler-ka empties BOTH large and small intestine it relieves ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas and prevents appendicitis. It has QUICK-EST action of anything we ever sold. The City Drug Co.

PLAN ATTACK ON MONCLOVA AND TO SEIZE COAL MINES

Large Force of Rebels Under General Luis Gutierrez Reported Concentrated Near Big Coal District.

According to reliable advices reaching Laredo yesterday, a force of several thousand rebels have been concentrated in the vicinity of Monclova, state of Coahuila, their objective being the coal mines of that district, which is the greatest of its kind in the northern section of Mexico. The seizure of the coal mines by the rebels would mean the paralyzing of railroad traffic in the northeastern portion of Mexico at least, for the fuel supply of the railroads come from the Monclova district.

The mobilization of the rebel army is said to have begun several days ago under the leadership of General Luis Gutierrez and a man named Coss, and it has gradually been increased in force daily until at this time it is reported that there are several thousand men under Gutierrez, many of them being deserters from the Carranza army, and the latter bringing their arms, ammunition and equipment with them.

COLD WAVE IS FORECAST FOR LAREDO FOR SATURDAY

Weather Forecast Says Temperature Will Be From 24 to 32 Degrees by Tomorrow Morning.

The weather forecast today says: "Tonight, fair and colder. Cold wave, with temperature of from 24 to 32 degrees; Saturday, fair." Farmers were advised early today of the expected big drop in the mercury by tomorrow morning and have accordingly prepared for same.

Laredo and surrounding section appear to be in a series of severe cold waves this winter, but so far no great amount of damage has resulted to vegetation, probably due to the fact that rain has not accompanied the cold waves to form ice on growing crops. The young onion plants can withstand a severe freeze and not suffer, as they are very hardy and the plants in the Laredo section have attained a good stand following the frequent irrigation to which they have been submitted.

POWDERED GLASS IS FOUND WHEN CAN PUMPKIN OPENED

Corpus Christi Lady Makes Discovery That Serves as Warning to People Who Use Canned Goods.

People who are accustomed to eating canned goods should be careful and examine the contents closely before eating them, as the following item taken from the Corpus Christi Caller of yesterday is self-explanatory:

"When Mrs. Pat Crow Tuesday morning opened a can of pumpkin to make a Christmas pie she noticed a peculiar look to the pumpkin and on investigation found large quantities of a substance that is thought to be powdered glass. The contents of the can and container are being held for an investigation."

CASE CALLED YESTERDAY NOW IN DISTRICT COURT

Civil Case of Adolfo Grimwood vs. George Alexander Camphus et al is Now on Trial in Court.

The civil case of Adolfo Grimwood vs. George Alexander Camphus et al, settlement of receivership for receiver and injunction, which was called before Judge Mullaly in district court yesterday afternoon, is still on trial in that tribunal.

The plaintiff is represented by Cobbs & Cobbs of San Antonio, while the defendants are represented by Hicks, Hicks, Dickinson & Bobbitt and T. C. Mann.

The New War Flour.

Beginning the new year, the Texas-Mexican Milling Company will resume operations, under the new rules of the United States government. This new flour will not be a "patent" flour, as the millers are now required to get more flour out of each hundred pounds of wheat, and while the flour will be as nutritious and as healthful as any, it will not bake as white as the old style of flour. The cost of the flour will be increased to the consumer, but the resultant bran and shorts will be lessened in price, thus making feed-stuffs cheaper for the dairymen. It is estimated that by the new ruling of the food administration, at least 125,000,000 bushels of wheat will have been saved by harvest time next year. The millers may not put up flour in less than 24-pound units, and the price of two 24-pound sacks will be 20c more than of one 48-pound sack, to conserve sacking as much as possible. The people will soon learn to like the new flour, and will appreciate the fact that they are helping the government out.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Friday.
There will be a Jitney Dance given at the auditorium of the Laredo High School from 2:30 until 5 o'clock in the afternoon for the benefit of the Laredo High School Annual.

Community Christmas Party for the soldiers at the Market Hall at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Saturday.
Red Cross Party for children from 2:30 until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and dance for young people from 7:30 until 11 o'clock in the evening, at Elks Hall.

Ladies' Night at the 37th Infantry Club.

The outlook seems gloomy just now, I know.
But it's better a bit ahead;
The prospect will brighten as on you go.
Till afar all darkness has fled
And th' landscape is bathed in the morning glow.

The highway seems barren and bleak,
Just now,
But it's better a bit beyond;
Though dreary the hillside, just over its brow

God waves His wonderful wand,
Till beauty is blooming on bush and bough.

Though alone you may seem on the nobler way,
You'll find a bit further along,
Your wearisome loneliness passing away

As round you shall gather a throng,
Charmed by your climb to a loftier day.

Then sing as your pilgrimage path you tread,
With a courage naught can dismay;

Though painful, just now, 'tis better ahead—
All midnights emerge into day—
And a crowd shall join in the song you have led!

Be brave for the throng discouraged at heart
By trials that curtain all light—
Who drag out existence in workshop and mart—
Be Bethlehem's star in the night
That hope may yet yield them a happier part!

—Louis M. Waterman.

General Mention.
Lieutenant and Mrs. Alden Muller left last night for Fort Worth, after spending Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Ida Muller.

Mr. Earl Brennan left last night for Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, after spending Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Whitaker returned yesterday afternoon from Fort Clark, where Mrs. Whitaker had been for several weeks visiting her mother.

Miss Kate Tarver is in San Antonio for the holidays. She was joined there by her brother, Lieut. LeGette Tarver.

Mrs. H. G. LaCamara and children left on the noon train for Corpus Christi, to spend the rest of the holidays with relatives.

The Red Cross Surgical Room will be in charge of Mrs. Hamlin and Mrs. Butler from 2:30 until six o'clock.

Rev. J. N. Campbell left today at noon to attend the Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Rio Grande Baptist Association, which meets at Devine this week. He will return Sunday morning.

Lieutenant B. W. Hopson from Macon, Georgia, has returned to his post after spending the week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Davis of Dolores.

Misses Hannah and Dorothy Davis, who have returned from California, left this morning for their home at Dolores.

Mr. Carlos Richter will leave to

night for Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, after a visit to his parents.

Entertainments.

Mrs. J. W. Brewster was hostess to the members of the Married Ladies Social Club and a number of guests yesterday afternoon and entertained with a beautifully appointed party. In the series of games played the high score club prize went to Mrs. L. J. Christen, who was given a knitting bag. The guest prize was awarded to Mrs. W. T. Hill, who received a crystal flower basket. Delicious hot tamales and coffee were served. The club members present were: Mesdames Cogley, Christen, Davis, MacGregor, Fish, Young, Woodman, Garlick, Wager, Austin, Lowry, Barlow, and Weber. The guests included Mesdames McLaurin, Wiggins, Hill, Atlee, McComb and Pinder and Miss Helen MacGregor.

The Married Ladies Dancing Club entertained last evening with a most delightful dance at Elks Hall. The hostesses for the evening were: Mesdames Hamilton, A. Wormser, Joe Vidales, Fish, S. J. Schmitt and Chester Burbank. The hallways and main hall were most attractively decorated in the Christmas colors and presented a beautiful scene. The stairway rail was twined in moss and greens, while the entrance hall was hung in garlands of moss and greens, and the refreshment table was gay with a center-piece of poinsettias, and carried red wax tapers in crystal candlesticks. The dance hall was especially artistic, ropes of moss extending from the four corners to the center and caught with a huge bunch of mistletoe. Christmas trees were placed at intervals around the rooms and were embellished with glittering ornaments and tinsel. The orchestra was hidden by a screen of greens and scarlet Christmas bells. Conventional programs marking sixteen straight and one extra were used. Delicious sandwiches and coffee were served during the intermission. About two hundred and fifty guests enjoyed the delightful hospitality of the evening.

Mrs. W. Werner entertained yesterday afternoon with a delightful children's party in honor of the eighth birthday of her little son, Frederick. A number of pleasant games were enjoyed, among them was "pinning the tail on Buster Brown." In this contest the girl's prize was won by little Miss Gladys Sauvignat, who received an agate kitchen set. The boy's prize went to Johnnie Jefferies, who was given a rope-toss. The remainder of the time was passed in playing around the Christmas Tree, which was beautifully decked and carried an appropriate gift for each little guest. At the close of the afternoon the hostess served delicious refreshments from a very attractively appointed table. The decorations were carried out in the Christmas colors, the table being centrally adorned with the birthday cake, iced in pink and green, and carrying eight rose-colored candles in rose holders. Those present were: Gladys Sauvignat, Elinor Morrow, Katherine May G'Sell, Elinor Nye, Joe Fasnacht, Sammy Mann, Johnnie Jefferies, Leon L. Goodman, Werner Jefferies and Frederick Werner.

The home of Mrs. G. W. Derby was the scene of a merry gathering yesterday afternoon when the Busy Bee Club entertained with a Christmas tree and party. Upon their arrival the little members enjoyed the pleasure of placing their gifts for each other on the tree, and the distribution proved equally pleasant. A refreshment course was served at the close of the afternoon. The guest of the afternoon was Miss Kathleen Heaner, and the members present included: Misses Lois and Dorothy Derby, Evelyn Ryan, Rosalie Biggio, Anna May Mussett, Hattie May Bryan, Marjorie Lou Fish, Mildred Leyendecker, Dorothy Morton, Josephine Brewster, and Minerva G'Sell.

Red Cross Notes.

The members of the Red Cross Chapter will entertain tomorrow with a party at Elks Hall for the benefit of the chapter. It is urged that the parents bring the little folk, as every effort will be made to make the affair as attractive as possible. The party will open promptly at half after two o'clock in the afternoon. This will give the small people a pleasant afternoon and at the same time will assist in the Membership Drive which is being made all over the country. In the evening beginning at seven o'clock there will be a dance with Villar's orchestra furnishing the music. It is to be hoped that all the

young people will join in the effort to make this affair the success it deserves to be. The price of admittance is nominal, and for the spectators but half price will be asked. So it is urged that every one put aside all other plans and join in making the dance a success. Be loyal to the cause and help the Red Cross.

Christmas Tree.

The Sunday School of Christ Church held their Christmas service and tree last evening. The children and a number of grown people went over to the church where a short service was held. After the lesson was read Rev. Cook asked the children a few questions about Christmas. The hymns sung included "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Once in Royal David's City," and "O Little Town of Bethlehem." The young folks then adjourned to the rectory, where a beautiful tree awaited them. It was decked in glittering tinsel and bright ornaments, vari-colored candles and red, white and blue incandescent lights. When Santa Claus arrived with a merry jingle of bells the little folks looked expectantly towards the folding doors, that separated the dining-room and living-room, but to their astonishment Santa Claus popped his head through the trap door in the ceiling and cried "Hello, children, here I am again!" This was such a complete surprise that it almost caused a stampede. He greeted several of those present and threw down a number of filled stockings, after which the distribution of gifts was made. Each child received a gift, an orange and a box of candy. About a hundred enjoyed the pleasure of the occasion.

The tree deserves especial mention, as it has certainly given its part in dispensing Christmas cheer. It was given by Mr. J. R. Moore for the Community Tree, and was first used on Christmas afternoon at the Army Y. M. C. A. for the soldiers' children. At night it again appeared filled with remembrances for the soldiers. On Thursday night it furnished happiness for the children of Christ Church. Tonight it will be used at the Christmas party for the soldiers at the Public Library in Market Hall. On Saturday it will lend itself in helping in the decorative scheme at the Red Cross benefit dance to be given for the children at Elks Hall. It will also give pleasure to those who attend the festivities in the evening, which will be for the young people.

PERSONALS

Judge J. G. Griner of San Antonio is a guest at the Elks Hall.

T. D. Cobb, Esq., of San Antonio is stopping at the Elks Hall.

L. Rose of Del Rio arrived in the city yesterday.

Joe L. Neuting of San Antonio arrived in the city this morning and is stopping at the Bender.

Robt. P. Moynahan of Camp Travis arrived in the city yesterday afternoon on a short business visit. He has been busy since his arrival shaking hands with his many Laredo friends.

HAMILTON:—Mr. and Mrs. Ohta, M. Ushio, Mexico City; S. M. Reache, New York; Dorothy Davis, Hannah Davis, Dolores; S. N. Whiting, Joe L. Neuting, San Antonio; P. T. Brown, Eagle Pass; L. Rose, Del Rio; H. M. Bailey, W. F. Haie, San Antonio; R. P. Moynahan, Camp Travis; L. E. Ainslee, New Laredo; W. H. Gibson, Mexico; F. Otori, Washington; A. Tatro, San Antonio.

BENDER:—Randolph Robertson, Monterey; J. G. Griner, T. D. Cobb, W. Plana, Dave Morris, C. R. Jones, San Antonio; T. Lopez, Mexico City; C. H. Edwards, San Antonio; Mrs. H. S. Bashaw, Spartenburg, S. C.; A. F. Florian, San Antonio; E. N. Halfen, Tampico; H. H. de la Garde, New York; H. Schrahl, San Antonio; C. L. Cummings, Dallas.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

1835—Massacre of Major Dade's command by the Seminole Indians in Florida.
1852—Earl of Aberdeen became British premier.
1859—Thomas Babington Macaulay, poet, historian and statesman, died in London. Born Oct. 25, 1800.
1869—The town of Santa Maura, on one of the Ionian Isles, was destroyed by an earthquake.
1870—Marshal Prim, Spanish soldier and statesman, shot in Madrid; died two days later.
1874—Gerrit Smith, noted abolitionist and after the war, one of the signers of the ball bond of Jefferson Davis, died in New York. Born March 6, 1797.
1879—Nearly 100 lives lost when the Tay bridge at Dundee, Scotland, was destroyed in a gale while a train was passing over it.
1889—King Carlos of Portugal was enthroned.
1894—James G. Fair, millionaire mine owner and former U. S. senator, died in San Francisco. Born in Ireland, Dec. 3, 1831.
THE WAR:—
1914—Germans declared the offensive of the Allies on western front was checked.
1915—Russians reported capture of important city of Kashan, Persia.
1916—Bralla came under German fire for the first time.

RAILROADS' WAR BOARD WAS DRAFTED INTO THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE TODAY

Railroad Executives will Draft Out Plans of Unified Operation and Submit Them to McAdoo for Approval--Latter Says All that is Possible to Make Roads More Efficient will be Done at Once.

FRENCH MINISTER REFUSED THE OFFER

REPLYING TO GERMAN PEACE OFFER HE SAID FRANCE WILL NOT ACCEPT TERMS.

By Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 28.—France will not accept a peace based on conditions before the war. Foreign Minister Pichon declared in the chamber of deputies today replying to the German peace offer. He asserted that Germany is endeavoring to involve France in its negotiations with the Bolsheviks, but that the war would go on regardless of whether Russia made a separate peace.

Essential to Freedom.

London, Dec. 28.—"Achievement of the purposes for which the allies are fighting is essential to the future freedom and peace of mankind," said Premier Lloyd George in a letter today to the Labor Congress. The premier's statement is regarded as indicating that the British declaration of its war aims could only be made in agreement with Great Britain's allies.

Took Ten Day Recess.

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—The peace conference at Brest-Litovsk has taken a ten-day recess to be resumed January 4 at a place not yet determined. Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, is reported to be drafting a note to the Entente powers, again asking them to participate in the peace conference. Trotsky is also reported as preparing a note to the people of the world.

Seized Private Banks.

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—Soldiers acting under the orders of Finance Commissioner Menshinsky today seized all private banks in Petrograd, including the branch of the National City Bank of New York. The manager of the latter, B. R. Stevens, was arrested and detained a short time.

Nothing to Report.

London, Dec. 28.—"There is nothing of special interest to report," says today's statement.

More Americans Killed.

With the American Army in France, Dec. 28.—A corporal of American engineers was killed and a private was wounded Christmas Eve when a German shell dropped near a party of American engineers receiving instruction in French. During a recent moonlight German aviators dropped bombs near a certain town, killing two American privates.

Americans Receive Mention.

London, Dec. 28.—The names of many Americans attached to the American nursing corps are contained in the list of names of persons serving on the western front deserving of special mention.

MEETING OF JEWISH STUDENTS.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Jewish student bodies of the principal universities and colleges of the country are sending delegates to the annual convention of the Menorah Societies of America, which is to be held in this city Sunday. At the "Maccabean Dinner," which will be held at Columbia University tomorrow night, there will be a thousand present, and among the guests will be Ambassador Abram Elkus, Bernard M. Baruch, Julius Rosenwald of Chicago, Jacob H. Schiff of New York, Captain David Albala of the Serbian Military Mission, M. Stephens Lauzanne of the French Mission, and President John H. Finley of the University of the State of New York.

A New Departure.

The Economy Grocery Store desires to announce to its many patrons that, beginning New Year's Day, there will be no more soliciting of orders. This is in the interest of economy, which is our watchword, and will be of value to all our patrons. Any orders that may be telephoned should reach us before 10 o'clock in the morning, and will receive prompt attention. By cutting out this unnecessary expense we shall be able to reduce the price of our goods.

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By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 28.—As the first practical step in the government's operation of the railroads which began at noon today, Director General McAdoo drafted the railroads' war board into the federal service to work out plans of unified operation and submit them to him for approval. It was indicated that the war board will continue as the operating body in charge throughout the country. "Whatever can be done to make the roads more efficient will be done as soon as we find what is necessary," said Mr. McAdoo.

WILSON CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 28.—President Wilson today is celebrating his 61st birthday.

FORMER SENATOR DEAD.

By Associated Press.
Alexandria, La., Dec. 28.—John Randolph Thornton, aged 71 years, former United States senator and member of the United States board of ordinance and fortifications, died at his home here today.

EARTHQUAKE CONTINUES.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 28.—At 6 o'clock tonight the earthquake which destroyed part of Guatemala City was unabated and continuing the destruction of property, and thousands were without shelter. Americans and other foreigners were safe.

POULTRY SHOW IN GOTHAM.

New York, Dec. 28.—The stars of featherdom went on parade in Madison Square Garden today at the opening of the twenty-ninth annual New York Poultry and Pigeon Show. The directors of the show this year propose to make a special effort to arouse a greater degree of public interest in poultry and poultry raising, as a step toward the solution of the food supply problem. In many respects the exhibition is the best of its kind ever held here. The display is divided into 985 poultry and 808 pigeon classes. A total of \$30,000 in cash prizes will be distributed among the winning exhibitors.

GREAT MEETING OF SCIENTISTS.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 28.—More than one thousand prominent scientists, members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science for the association's seventh annual meeting, the sessions of which will continue through the next four days.

The various branches of the association will consider such subjects as economics, mathematics, botany, medicine and education at daily joint meetings with the affiliated societies interested in those branches of science.

While many of the topics of discussion will be of especial value only to the attending scientists, an address to be delivered at the opening session in Carnegie Hall tonight by Dr. Charles R. Van Hise, president of the University of Wisconsin and the retiring president of the association, will receive general attention. Dr. Van Hise has selected as his subject, "The Economic Effects of the World War in the United States."

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight fair; cold wave with temperature from 24 to 32. Saturday fair.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 78 degs.
Min. temp. 49 degs.
General direction of wind: North. Cloudy.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

MANY WERE KILLED AT BLAST FURNACE

EXPLOSION SET FIRE TO INLAND STEEL PLANT WHICH IS MENACED WITH DESTRUCTION.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A number of persons were reported killed in the explosion of a blast furnace in the plant of the Inland Steel Company at Indiana Harbor, Ind., today. The plant caught fire and is threatened with destruction.

Hoover Didn't Appear.

Washington, Dec. 28.—When the senate committee investigating the sugar shortage finally called for Food Administrator Hoover to give his views of conditions, a letter was read saying that Hoover "had learned through the public press that he was to testify today, but had been called to New York."

LAWMAKERS JOIN THE COLORS.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 28.—So many members of the Mississippi legislature have resigned their seats in order to enter some branch of the national service that Governor Bilbo has called special elections to be held next Monday in all the districts where vacancies exist.

WAR AIMS AND PEACE POLICIES.

London, Dec. 28.—A conference of various sections of the British labor movement met in London today to discuss a program of war aims and peace policies. The program will be submitted to a general convention of the Labor party which is to be held next month.

PUTTING ONE OVER.

Douglas, aged 7, did not like the idea of guardian angels watching over him while he slept.

One night his mother found on his pillow a big, black falseface—a souvenir of Halloween—and at the foot of the bed, under the covers, the child himself, resting uncomfortably.

She asked him what was the matter—why he preferred to sleep upside down, and what was the idea of the false face?

To all of which questions he boastfully replied: "Why, I'm just playing a little joke on the Lord! I'm sick and tired of having those old guardian angels watch me the minute I get to sleep!" —Harper's.

POOR LITTLE KID.

A fond mother was holding forth to an interested group at a recent baby show on the manifold virtues of her little girl, and laid special stress on the child's ready obedience. In one way only she failed in this direction. She disliked most cordially a certain proprietary medicine, and there were terrible scenes, holding of nose, hands and so forth, before she could be made to swallow it.

Eventually her mother hit upon the expedient of inducing her to take it by paying her a penny for each dose she swallowed.

The little one fell in with the idea readily enough, the pennies were duly deposited in her money box one by one, and there was no more trouble or fuss.

"Rather an expensive way of getting over the difficulty, though, isn't it?" put in one of the group of listening mothers.

"Oh, no, not at all! You see, as soon as there are enough pennies in the box I take 'em out and buy her another bottle of medicine!" —Minneapolis Tribune.

ATTENTION, YOUNG PEOPLE

Be sure and come to the RED CROSS CHILDREN'S DANCE on Saturday Evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock at ELKS' HALL.

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From Saturday's Daily.

THE MILLERS' PROBLEM.

All the millers of the United States are affected by the new order of the food administration forbidding the production of "patent" flours—that is, flours with nothing but the heart of the wheat and bleached by some one of the various processes to a snowy whiteness.

Heretofore, according to the millers, there have been five grades of flour produced, but in future only two grades will be permitted; one to be known as 100 per cent flour, and the other an extremely lower grade.

What affects the millers is the fact that hereafter they must increase the amount of flour obtained from the wheat. For instance a barrel of flour is 156 pounds, and the miller is now allowed only 264 pounds of wheat from which to make it, instead of the 276 pounds formerly calculated. This means that less of the bran and shorts will be eliminated in the bolting, and that there will be more of the real value of the wheat in the flour. In other words, the millers must now get 75 per cent of the wheat substance into the flour, instead of 70 per cent as formerly.

At the same time the millers are required to reduce the price they have been receiving for bran and shorts, a reduction of 40c on the 100 pounds for the former, and 90c on the 100 pounds for the latter. This is in the interest of reducing the cost of feedstuffs so as to cut down the dairyman's cost of producing milk and butter.

The main object of the food administration in thus increasing the percentage of flour from the wheat is to save as much wheat as possible for shipment abroad. It is estimated that by this one method alone we shall have saved 125,000,000 bushels of wheat before the next harvest.

What will worry the ordinary consumer, however, is that the flour is to cost more than we have been paying. We get a flour that is better so far as nutriment is concerned, but we pay for it. And the price of wheat being stabilized is the only thing which prevents still higher prices, as the millers will be operating at a smaller percentage of profit than before, with the reduction in the price of feedstuffs made mandatory by the federal government.

One thing the new ruling will mean, and that is less waste and more conservation of bread. The bakers have already been operating under the food administration's order since December 5th, and they had confidently looked forward to a reduction in the price of flour, as it had been stated that the new "war bread" could be sold at a profit for 7c or thereabouts. But the bakers cannot see any possible reduction in the price of their loaves while the price of flour is increasing.

Another feature of the new order is that the smallest package permitted is the 24-pound sack and even this is frowned upon, inasmuch as the millers are recommended to charge 20c more for two 24-pound sacks than for one 48-pound sack. The idea is to save as much as possible in sack and freight.

Many people in this section have been buying flour in small quantities, and it is presumed that this sort of purchases will be permitted. For some of the poor people to be forced to buy a 24-pound sack or go without would be inflicting a great hardship upon people who in many cases are not in possession of enough money to buy that much flour at a time.

The conservation of food seems to have had some queer effects. The people of some of the Western cities have complained that the meatless days have left such a stock of beef and mutton on hand that there is danger of much of it spoiling. Yet the price has not been reduced a single penny.

With less sales of sugar, one would naturally look for a reduction in price, but so far sugar is steadily mounting. There are many other things which have been saved until there is an over-supply of them, yet they keep as high in price as if there were a scarcity and no hope of getting more.

But so long as the government keeps the price of wheat at \$2.20 a bushel, we cannot expect cheaper flour. And the funny thing is that the wheat grower gets but a small percentage of the \$2.20, while the hoarder and the speculator get their share of the balance.

A WORTHY BENEFACTION.

Mr. L. Bruni, formerly the Royal Italian Consul in Laredo, has just received an appeal for aid which should receive the sympathetic consideration of every American citizen who is loyally supporting the allied cause.

The appeal comes from the president of the national society for aid of the orphans of Italians in foreign countries who have died in battle, and requests that contributions be made for the aid of orphans of Italians residing in the United States who have died at the Italian front.

Mr. Bruni, in view of the fact that, properly speaking, there is no Italian colony in Laredo, but merely a small group of Italian families, asks contributions of the generous Americans, now allied with the Italians in the war for humanity.

Since Italy's entrance into the war, and especially during the past few months, she has suffered severely from attacks by an overwhelming force of Austro-Germans. Thousands

of Italians have died on the battle field or in the hospitals, and many thousands have been captured by a cruel and relentless foe.

There are many thousands of Italians who have left their homes in this country to fight under the banner of their native land. Most of them were Italian subjects, although some of the Italian-Americans felt the call of their blood and responded cheerfully.

For more than a year after her entrance into the war Italy made superhuman efforts to prepare for the surprising victories which resulted from the attacks on the Austrian mountain positions. Italy has of late suffered more than the other allies because of the resentment aroused against her on the part of the Austrians, and also because of the desire of the Teutonic alliance to make a showing of success in order to stave off disaster in their own camps.

The Italians are a generous race. Their purse strings are always loosed for all acts of charity brought to their notice. They have contributed generously to the relief of the Belgian and French orphans and widows. They have responded nobly to the call of our Liberty Loan and our Red Cross Drive. They have sent their sons to the American training camps, and among the most active of the American soldiers now in the field are those of Italian descent.

Forced by political reasons into the Triple Alliance, Italy was never in accord with the ideals of that alliance, and when Germany adopted the pretext of punishing Serbia for an alleged attack on Austria to wage war upon France and Great Britain, Italy refused to consider herself bound by any treaty of alliance. She remembered the long years of Austrian domination, from which she was freed by the superhuman efforts of her devoted patriots, and her entrance into the war on the side of the Entente allies was the logical outcome of the racial antagonism between the Teuton and the Latin.

We owe it to Italy to help care for the orphans of the Italians who heroically faced death for the same ideals which we pursue. These orphans are living in our midst. They will some day grow up to be American citizens. They are attending our schools and absorbing the knowledge which will make them worthy citizens of any country, and they are the most devoted lovers of liberty in the world.

Out of our abundance we can spare a little more for this worthy benefaction. It is really caring for our own, for the fathers of these children lived among us and helped in our advancement and progress. They went to war for an ideal, sacrificing their ease and comfort for that they might help overthrow the greatest menace the world has ever seen. They cheerfully left their children in this country, secure in the knowledge that the great heart of America would not see them suffer, even though their fathers should never return.

Those who can afford to give a little more should devote it to this fine and inspiring charity. It will not be wasted, and in the years to come it will return to us like bread cast on the waters. And we owe it to ourselves, as well as to our loyal allies in Italy, who are still fighting though overwhelmed by superior numbers.

REMOVES TO NEW QUARTERS DURING THE COMING WEEK

First State Bank & Trust Co. Will Be in Its New Home the Early Part of the New Year of 1918.

The First State Bank & Trust Co. expects to begin the work of removing from their present location opposite the city hall to the new and commodious quarters in the new Moser building at the corner of Lincoln street and San Agustín Avenue, sometime during the coming week, in order to be established in their new location by Monday, January 7.

The new banking institution will be most modern in every respect and in keeping with the most approved banking house layouts of the time. The removal of the First State Bank & Trust Co. from its present location to the new quarters will make Lincoln street the "Wall Street" of Laredo, as then all four of the banks of the city will be on that street.

SOLDIER BOYS RETURNING; SOME GONE, OTHERS GOING

Most of Boys from Camp Travis Have Already Gone Back, While Others Return Sunday and Monday.

With the exception of about two who will leave for Camp Bowie on Monday, all of the Laredo soldier boys from both Camp Bowie and Camp Travis will get away from here on tonight's train.

The boys from Camp Travis, with a few exceptions only had leave for five days, while those from Camp Bowie were allowed ten days. Most of the Camp Travis soldier boys, therefore, have returned to the military camp, while others will go tonight. Some of the boys from Camp Bowie have also returned to their stations, while others will go tonight, Sunday and Monday.

There will be probably be little doing in athletics at Pennsylvania State this spring, as the college has decided to close early in April.

IS VERY GOOD INVESTMENT AND PAYS GOOD INTEREST

Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps Can Now Be Purchased at Laredo Postoffice; Plan Examined

The campaign for the buying of "Thrift Stamps" and also "War Savings Stamps" is now on in full blast in Laredo and Postmaster Worsham reports that a liberal number of each kind of stamps are being sold at the postoffice. All over the country this campaign is being prosecuted and those who desire to save money and at the same time get a nice rate of interest for what they can loan the government at this time are taking advantage of the opportunity afforded them to purchase the two kinds of stamps.

The following "questions and answers" contained in a pamphlet issued on the subject, gives the information desired:

Q. What is the War-Savings Plan? A. It is a plan by which you can lend small savings to your Government at 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly.

Q. How may this be done? A. By purchasing War-Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps.

Q. What is a War-Savings Stamp? A. It is a stamp for which the Government will pay you \$5 on January 1, 1923.

Q. What does it cost? A. Between \$4.12 and \$4.23 during 1918, depending upon the month in which purchased.

Q. What is a Thrift Stamp? A. It is a stamp costing 25 cents, to be applied in payment for a War-Savings Stamp. It does not earn interest. The purpose of its issue is to enable people to accumulate in small sums the amount necessary to pay for a War-Savings Stamp.

Q. Where can I buy them? A. At postoffices, banks, and authorized agencies.

Q. Why should I buy them? A. Every dollar loaned to the Government helps to save the lives of our men at the front and to win the war.

TO THE PUBLIC.

In view of the fact that a recent editorial in The Times concerning the railroad situation has aroused a great deal of feeling among local railroad men, I take this means of calling attention to the fact that there was not the slightest intent to say anything derogatory to the railroad men of Laredo, or in fact to any of the railroad men who have proved their loyalty to this country. All of the Laredo railroad men have proved their loyalty in various ways, one of them recently dying "in line of duty" at a National Army camp. But it is a queer commentary on existing conditions that those who resent a charge of disloyalty should be among the first to take the charge to themselves. And it should be understood, first as last, that I have no personal animosity against railroad men as a body, or any individual railroad man in Laredo. I simply stated what many other newspapers throughout the country have repeatedly stated, that any attempt to tie up the railroad systems of the country at such a critical period was in effect disloyal.

WILL W. GREGG.

NOTICE OF BANKRUPT SALE.

Frank Pratt, Trustee in the estate of M. Kaufman, Bankrupt, will sell at private sale, for cash, ten days after date, in Laredo, Texas, in accordance with and by virtue of an order of sale, issued by Jno. C. Scott, Referee in bankruptcy for the Southern District of Texas, said sale or sales being subject to the approval of the said Referee, the following property, to-wit:

(1) Stock of goods, classified as "Gents' Furnishing." (2) Store fixtures, consisting of a small safe, of show cases, counters, tables, etc. Laredo, Webb County, Texas, Dec. 21, 1917.

12-21-10t

A NERVOUS WRECK

From Three Years' Suffering, Says Cardui Made Her Well.

Texas City, Tex.—In an interesting statement, Mrs. G. H. Schill, of this town, says: "For three years I suffered untold agony with my head. I was unable to do any work."

I just wanted to sleep all the time, for that was the only ease I could get, when I was asleep. I became a nervous wreck just from the awful suffering with my head.

I was so nervous that the least noise would make me jump out of my bed. I had no energy, and was unable to do anything. My son, a young boy, had to do all my household duties.

I was not able to do anything until I took Cardui. I took three bottles in all, and it surely cured me of those awful headaches. That has been three years ago, and I know the cure is permanent, for I have never had any headache since taking Cardui.

Nothing relieved me until I took Cardui. It did wonders for me."

Try Cardui for your troubles—made from medicinal ingredients recommended in medical books as being of benefit in female troubles, and 40 years of use has proven that the books are right. Begin taking Cardui today.

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LOST BALLOON CAME DOWN ON MEXICAN SOIL SAFELY

CAPTAIN McCULLOCH AND EIGHT MEN IN BIG ARMY BALLOON.

Left San Antonio at Three O'clock Yesterday Morning and Carried by Gale Across the Boundary Line.

The big army balloon with Captain McCulloch and eight soldier aviators which was lost after making its ascension at San Antonio yesterday morning, landed safely six hours later at Hidalgo, forty-five miles up the Rio Grande from Laredo, where the Americans were taken in charge by the Mexican soldiery.

The big balloon, with Captain McCulloch, one of the instructors of the San Antonio Aviation School, and eight student aviators, ascended at San Antonio yesterday morning at 3 o'clock. After reaching a height of 2,000 feet the big balloon encountered a heavy air current and strong north wind and was carried along at a rate of forty miles per hour. Mistaking the Rio Grande for the Nueces river, Captain McCulloch decided to land, little realizing that he was about 200 miles from where he started and was coming down on Mexican soil. As soon as the balloon landed just outside of Hidalgo, Mexico, yesterday morning Mexican soldiery came to the aid of the Americans and took them in charge, notifying the authorities of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, of the arrival there of the balloon party.

Automobiles were dispatched to Hidalgo from Nuevo Laredo yesterday and returned there this morning at 4 o'clock with the instructor and eight students. United States Consul Sholes had previously been advised of the landing of the balloon near Hidalgo and that the party of Americans would be brought to Nuevo Laredo this morning. He immediately arranged for having them brought to Laredo, and this morning at 9:30 o'clock Captain McCulloch and his men crossed the International bridge to the American side and were delivered by Consul Sholes to the adjutant of Fort McIntosh. Captain McCulloch and the eight students with him leave for San Antonio tonight. The big balloon, which is practically undamaged, will reach here this afternoon.

FREEZING TEMPERATURE REACHED THIS MORNING

Maximum Figure Predicted in Weather Forecast Yesterday Was Reached When Mercury Dropped to 32.

The cold wave predicted to hit this section last night arrived on schedule this morning, causing a big drop in the temperature and making the night and early hours of morning quite cold. From a maximum of 75 degrees yesterday, afternoon the mercury dropped to the freezing point, 32 degrees, during the night and was at the minimum registry at daybreak this morning.

The forecast published yesterday afternoon called for a temperature this morning of from 24 to 32 degrees, so the maximum figure of the forecast was reached and thin ice was formed in receptacles left in the open containing water. These cold spells with continuous dry weather are not in any way beneficial to growing crops, but on the other hand has done slight damage, and unless a good rain comes soon the damage will be more pronounced on some vegetation than it now manifests itself. Onion growers, however, assert that the cold spells so far have not proven detrimental to the onion crop.

Attention W. O. W. Ahuchuetes! On account of the installation of our new officers next Wednesday night, Jan. 2nd, 1918, you are requested to be present at the "Forest" promptly at 8:15. Please bring as many visiting Choppers as you can.

F. RAMIREZ VELASQUEZ, Con. Com. F. SANCHEZ GARZA, Secretary.

K. P. Hall, Dec. 29th, 1917.

A New Departure.

The Economy Grocery Store desires to announce to its many patrons that, beginning New Year's Day, there will be no more soliciting of orders. This is in the interest of economy, which is our watchword, and will be of value to all our patrons. Any orders that may be telephoned should reach us before 10 o'clock in the morning, and will receive prompt attention. By cutting out this unnecessary expense we shall be able to reduce the price of our goods.

ECONOMY GROCERY STORE. 12-28-5t.

Mr. Yeary Has Recovered.

Mr. A. M. Yeary of the Yeary Storage Battery Co. was able to be at his place of business yesterday after being confined to his bed for ten days with a severe spell of illness. He is not yet entirely well, but able to attend to some minor matters about his plant. Mr. Yeary has a great many friends, who will be glad to know that he is again out and that his illness was not as serious as was at first feared.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

LITTLE LOCALS

—Only two more days of the old year 1917. Have you drafted a set of new year resolutions to put into effect next Tuesday to be kept until they are broken? If so, resolutions with most people are like the weather—subject to very extreme "drops" without much notice.

—Beginning January 1, the price of milk delivered by me will be 10c a pint and 20c a quart. C. F. Smith, Phone 715. 12-29-5t.

—Cut flowers and plants for Christmas and the holidays. Edward Green, Florist, Ave. C at 8th St., San Antonio. 12-24-1t.

—Our bakery will be open as usual on New Year's day. Borchers.

—For the first time in twenty years Laredo will not have a big celebration on the occasion of Washington's Birthday Anniversary in 1918. Laredo is adhering to the prevailing spirit throughout the country to eliminate big celebrations, etc., until the war is ended in order that the money and material used can be conserved and used to a better advantage.

—If you want more and better milk regularly. Pints 10 cts. and quarts 20 cts. W. Y. Bunn, phone 356. 12-27-6t.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg shorthand, evening lessons on ly. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-1t.

—An alarm of fire from the Second Ward was sounded at five o'clock this morning, the blaze being at the home of Miss Herrera at 802 Grant street, but it was extinguished before the firemen arrived.

—Before you buy your toys see R. Flores and Brother. 12-10-1-15.

—W. Y. Bunn, phone 356 can furnish you regularly with fresh sweet milk at 10 cts. for pints and 20 cts. for quarts. 12-27-6t.

—The case of Adolfo Grimwood vs. G. A. Camphuis, which was called in the district court yesterday morning, is still on trial there.

—For pure and healthful soda waters, all flavors, phone Frack Barthelow, No. 48. 9-15-1t.

—City Garage, tel. 515. Jitney cars. Vulcanizing. Work guaranteed. 8-11-1t.

—The runaway balloon which left San Antonio yesterday, lost its route and then landed in Mexico, attained some speed at a height of 2,000 feet, as it is said the big balloon clipped off forty miles an hour in its journey toward Mexico.

—Just arrived, carload of toys. R. Flores and Brother. 12-10-1-15.

—Texas Real Estate & Abstract Co. 1012 Farragut street. Phone 1061. Abstracts of property in Laredo and lands of Webb county. 7-19-1t.

—Our bakery will be open as usual on New Year's day. Borchers.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-1t.

—The practice of putting candles behind the Red Cross "flags" in windows of homes has been deemed as extra hazardous by the state fire marshal and the practice has ceased. The Red Cross approves of the action, as candles left behind the flags are liable to burn down and set the house afire.

—The Belmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 576 or 1017. 6-20-1t.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-1t.

NOTICE.

I know that people are not intentionally unfair, and that as a rule each one is willing to carry his part of the present war burden. One of the burdens is the practice of cash transactions to which they have not been accustomed in Laredo.

The retailers are forced to make prompt payments for the goods they buy and they cannot pay cash if they are unable to make prompt collections.

The majority of my customers are now paying me cash and are getting more value for their money. But there are a few who have not fallen into line. We want to close our books by the end of the year, so please remember to bring cash after the first and thus avoid inconvenience.

You save 20 cents on every cash dollar purchase for bread—\$1.20 worth of tickets for \$1.00. Doesn't that 20 cents look good to you?

Thanking you one and all and assuring you that we appreciate your trade we wish you a happy and prosperous new year.

BORCHERS' BAKERY.

To the Public.

Beginning Jan. 1, I will sell milk at 10c a pint bottle and 20c a quart bottle. This advance in price has become necessary because of the excessively high cost of feedstuffs, and until the feedstuffs are reduced the above price for milk will be maintained.

GARCIA'S DAIRY.

12-28-3t.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take which is important when must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt Editor Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Saturday.

Red Cross Party for children from 2:30 until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and dance for young people from 7:30 until 11 o'clock in the evening, at Elks Hall.

Ladies' Night at the 37th Infantry Club.

Sunday.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church will meet at the church at 6:30 in the evening.

The Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian Church will hold its regular weekly meeting at the church at 6:45 in the evening.

The B. Y. P. U. Senior and Junior will hold their regular weekly meeting at the Creath Memorial Baptist Church, at 6:45 in the evening.

The Christian Endeavor of the Christian Church will meet at the church at 7:00 in the evening.

Monday.

The Sunbeam Band of the Baptist Church will hold their regular weekly meeting at four o'clock in the afternoon at the church.

There will be an Inaugural and New Year's Ball at the Latin American Club in the evening at 9 o'clock.

This May Interest You.

The Times desires all social items of interest and cordially invites its readers to supply such news to the society editor. Send or phone all items about weddings, parties, visitors, dinners, receptions, bazaars, children's parties, etc. If you are leaving town or returning, or have visitors arriving or departing, The Times will be glad to know it. While names will not be used all written communications must be signed. This is imperative to prevent imposition. Phone all society communications to the Society Editor of The Times at No. 70 between 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning and 5 and 8:30 in the evening.

I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me; I'd like to be the help that you've been always glad to be; I'd like to mean as much to you each minute of the day as you have meant, old friend of mine, to me along the way.

I'd like to do the big things and the splendid things for you. To brush the gray from out your skies and leave them only blue. I'd like to say the kindly things that I so oft have heard. And feel that I could rouse your soul the way that mine you've stirred.

I'd like to give you back the joy that you have given me. Yet that were wishing you a need I hope will never be; I'd like to make you feel as rich as I, who travel on. Undaunted in the darkest hours with you to lean upon.

I'm wishing at this Christmas time that I could but repay A portion of the gladness that you've strewn along my way; And could I have one wish this year, only would it be:

I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me. —Edgar A. Guest. (Copyright, 1916, by the Reilly & Britton Company.)

General Mention.

James Greer has returned to Austin after spending the holidays with his parents.

The students from A. & M. College will remain in the city until after the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Westbrook, Mrs. Hugh Clark and Mrs. G. R. Weber left last night for San Antonio, to spend a few days with Lieutenant Sam Westbrook before his departure for El Paso, where he has been re-assigned to the Cavalry.

Mrs. D. F. Anderson, who is visiting Mr. Anderson in Kingsville, will return on the second of January.

Miss Kate Tarver returned yesterday from San Antonio, where she spent the holidays with her brother, Lieutenant LeGette Tarver.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barthelow and Mrs. A. J. Barthelow will leave tomorrow for San Antonio, where they will make their future home.

Mr. H. W. Johnston left last night for San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs and daughter, Mrs. Morris Burks, and children have returned to Millett after spending the holidays with Mrs. Jack Spruill.

Mr. C. C. Shiner returned to San

Antonio last night after spending the holidays in the city.

Miss Lalla Rookh Hill left yesterday at noon for San Antonio to attend the Delta Gamma Tau dance at the St. Anthony Hotel last evening, and will return this afternoon. While there she was the guest of Mrs. J. E. O'Neil.

Announcements.

There will be a quiet wedding at the Methodist Church next Tuesday morning at 11:45. No invitations will be sent out, but any who desire to come will be welcome. This includes every one.

WALTER L. BARR.

The Red Cross Surgical Room will not be open until Wednesday afternoon, as the meetings have been discontinued until after the holidays owing to the non-attendance of members.

Dr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Kenney and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kenney will keep open house New Year's Day from 3 until 6 o'clock, at 1603 Matamoros Street.

Appeal for Orphans.

An appeal is made by Mr. L. Bruni, representing locally the National Aid Society for the Orphans of Italians in Foreign Countries killed in the war. As there is no Italian colony in Laredo, only a few families representing the Italian people here, Mr. Bruni asks that the generous Americans contribute to this fund, which has for its object the relief of the children of Italian-Americans who have been killed in battle. Contributions may be sent to Mr. L. Bruni or to Mr. Joe Barberio, and it is hoped that all will cheerfully respond to this appeal to the fullest extent of their means.

Entertainment.

The students of the High School gave a Jitney Dance at the High School in the Auditorium yesterday afternoon beginning at 2:30 and closing at 5 o'clock, for the benefit of the High School Annual. A very delightful time was enjoyed and the young people were chaperoned by Mrs. Threadgill and Miss Alma Pierce. Among those present were: Misses Mary Hall, Maxine Taylor, Lurline Davis, Vida Bunn, Ruth Scratchley, Hazel Merriman, Helen Richter, Willie Belle Brennan, Maude Mussett, Laura Taylor, Marzelle Beene, Inez Hill, Evelyn Moore, Violet Oberfeldt, Katherine Crutchfield, Messrs. Purney Muller, Will Austin, Will James, Ernest Buenz, George Hodges, Ed. Mulally, Ed. Brewster, Marcus Wormser, Louis Becker, James Richter, Clyde Brennan, August Wormser, James Moore, Pepe Lowry, Leutenants Wilson, O'Neil and Greer.

Community Christmas Party.

The Woman's Club, The Heights Civic Club, The Hebrew Ladies Aid Society, and the Tuesday Music and Literary Club entertained jointly with a delightful informal party at the Market Hall last evening complimenting our men at the army camp. The hall was most attractively decorated for the occasion, a beautiful United States flag was draped on one side of the stage and a Texas flag on the other. The Christmas tree occupied the back of the stage, and was gay with glittering tinsel and bright ornaments. Palms and ferns were placed every where and added to the attractiveness of the whole. Christmas wreaths were also hung in the windows. Rev. C. W. Cook was the master of ceremonies and needless to say that he proved an ideal one. The splendid program given was thoroughly enjoyed by every one present and carried some of Laredo's best artists in song and recitation, assisted by Mr. Wiedman of the army. At the close of the program a social time was enjoyed in which apples and candy were distributed, and Mrs. R. C. Macdonald served tea. The Laredo talent which took part in the program was as follows: Reading, Mrs. Norman Polkinhorn; song, Miss Kelly; reading, Mrs. Buttrick; song, Mrs. R. C. Macdonald; reading, Rosalie Wormser; dance, Miss Margaret MacGregor; song, Mrs. S. J. Schmitt; violin solo, Miss Kelly; juggling, Mr. Wiedman.

The program was interspersed with pieces by the 37th Infantry Band, in charge of Mr. Carl Everlof.